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Treasury suffers £2bn revenue shortfall

Bootleggers force Brown's Budget hand

By Philip Webster, political editor

GORDON BROWN is to unveil a tougher-than-expected Budget after being hit by a £2 billion shortfall in revenue, much of it because of tobacco smuggling.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer is expected to announce an investigation into the operation of Customs and Excise after officials told him that he was losing more than £1 billion in duty a year through organised cigarette smuggling,

The worldwide drop in oil prices will also mean the loss of several million pounds in revenue.

Mr Brown's room for manoeouvre next Tuesday is believed to have been severely curtailed by the shortfall, which was not reflected in the healthy January borrowing figures that encouraged speculation about a generous Budget.

The Treasury has been alarmed by such reports, because the good January figures did not take account of the lost Excise revenue. Treasury insiders are urging caution and one said: 'The Chancellor keep to his golden rule that tax revenues have to cover current spending and that the public finances should remain in surplus for the next four years. If the revenues are lower than expected, it means that the amount we spend will not be as

That means hopes of much higher public spending emerging from the Budget are likely to be dashed. The allocations made to ministers in last year's comprehensive spending review are not under threat, but requests to Mr Brown for extra spending this year may fall on deaf

It also remained uncertain last night whether Mr Brown would go ahead with his long-promised plan to introduce a 10p income tax rate next week. Most analysts had expected him to do so and to help to finance the change through cutting or wiping out the remaining 10 per cent of mortgage interest relief.

the Chancellor is still believed to want to tax child benefit, although

A handshake carefully staged for the cameras marked the end of one of the longest political feuds in British politics on Saturday night (Shirley English writes).

Robin Cook and Gordon Brown officially buried the hatchet after barely speaking to each other socially for 20 years.

The truce was called at a party at Livingston Football Club to mark the Foreign Secretary's 25th anniversary as an MP. The two ministers shook hands while Mr Cook's wife, Gaynor, and Sarah friend, looked on. A few words of mutual admiration cemented the

practical difficulties over the principle of independent taxation mean that he is unlikely to do so this year. He may, however, set a target date to start taxing the benefit paid to all

reconciliation.

mothers. The Government has been shocked by the rise in tobacco smuggling. Professional crime syndicates are moving to cigarenes because the authorides have been more successful in stopping drugs

smuggling. Container-loads of cigarettes are being brought through the ports with the result that one in eight cigarettes smoked in Britain is smuggled, according to government sources. Without a tip-off, Customs officers have little hope of stopping the trade and the loss to the revenue is likely to double within three years unless something can be done to check the trade.

To that end, Mr Brown is to appoint a senior figure from industry to take charge of efforts to clamp down on the illegal trade. His remit will include an overall look at Customs and Excise operations to see whether staff and resources are being deployed in the right way.

Mr Brown has, however, rejected calls to cut tobacco taxation as a way of deterring smuggling, and the cost of a packet of cigarettes is likely to rise by 20p to an average £3.64. Increasing the tax on smok-ing in part of the Government's

The new anti-smuggling chief stamping cigarette packets with their countries of origin and the feasibility of equipping ports with giant X-ray machines to inspect con-

Sources said the investigation would be rigorous and more offi-cials are expected to be assigned to dealing with digarettes.

"We are are unlikely to put money into Customs unless we are absolutely satisifed that the money is being properly spent. The situation is deeply alarming. Some 2 per cent of the market was smuggled in 1996. That figure has gone up to 10 per cent in two years."



Sarah Macaulay and Gordon Brown at the celebration to mark Robin Cook's 25 years as an MP

Scottish **Parliament** to sideline the Queen

BY ALAN HAMILTON

BUCKINGHAM Palace is dismayed by the Queen's limited role for the ceremonial opening of the Scottish Parliament. Edinburgh has been riven by argument over the extent of the Queen's participation, with some nationalist voices wanting her to have only a mini-mal walk-on part. Now, after months of bickering.

a compromise has been reached; she will travel in the Scottish State Coach in a horse-drawn procession from the Palace of Holyroodhouse up the City's Royal Mile, but her part in the opening ceremony is ex-pected to be a few formal words. The day's main event will be a "people's procession".

Tradicionalists want her to wear the robes of the Order of the Thistle, Scotland's equivalent of the Garter, but that has yet to be decided. Many Scots were offended when, in 1953, she made her first official visit to their country after the Coronation wearing ordinary day clothes

and carrying a handbag. Nor has it been agreed what ceremonial role will be given to the country's Crown Jewels, normally displayed in Edinburgh Castle. Some want them carried at the end of the procession from Holyroodhouse. At the armual State Opening of Parliament at Westminster the Imperial State Crown is borne in its own coach.

Palace officials are considering a greater role for the Princess Royal. already the Royal Family's most heavy programme of public engage ments. But the Palace yesterday dismissed as "wholly wrong" a report that she would establish a permanent office at Holyroodhouse.

Sources also rejected a suggestion that the Queenwould appoint a Private Secretary for Scotland.

The Royal Family does not take Scotland --- or for that matter Wales - for granted," a Palace source said yesterday. "... Scotland and Wales are important domestic issues and we will be looking closely at how the union develops.

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General in poll lead

Amid widespread allegations of vote-rigging. Olu Falae refused to accept the victory of General Olusegun Obasanio in the Nigerian presidential election.

International observers reported many irregularities and the country's transition from dictatorship to democracy was at risk as members ol Mr Falae's All People's Party stormed out of the electoral commission offices during counting.....Page 12

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Owen and Healey will mount anti-euro drive

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

DAVID OWEN and Denis Healey, veterans of the last Labour government, will return to the poliocal front line today to present a challenge to the Government's move towards Along with Lord Prior, the

Heathite former Tory Cabinet minister, and leading businessmen, they will join forces in a powerful new group billed as pro-European but opposed to Britain abandoning sterling. Their move comes the day after William Hague hardened

his party's stance against the curo and made plain that he would be happy to be at the forefront of any anti-euro cam-

paign.
The Conservative party leader brushed aside the announcement by five Europhile Tories that they would stand against the party in June's European elections and, in what was seen as a warning to Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseltine, said that any Tory MPs failing to back official candidates would be "out on their ear." He also announced a policy commission of economists and experts to study the advantages of keeping the pound. Mr Hague dismissed the newly formed Pro-Euro Conservaove Party as a "sour grapes" party because two of the lead-

Family split Peter Riddell. Leading article.

ers had been deselected.

Tony Blair's perceived shift towards the euro as he launched the national changeover plan last week has given launch. Lord Healey, the last Labour Chancellor before Gordon Brown, vesterday delivered a warning that the euro could crash before Mr Blair was called upon to make a deci-

sion. Imposing a single interest rate and exchange rate meant the project was doomed

to failure, he said. Lord Prior, a former Northern Ireland Secretary and Employment Secretary and former chairman of GEC. issued a warning that monetary union could mean heavier social, labour and pension costs and that Britain should "give

it a miss He said that he was sad to be in the opposite camp to his old friend and boss, Edward Heath, "But it is because I felt so strongly about this I decided it was time to stand up and

Lord Owen, former Labour Foreign Secretary, declared that he wanted Britain to remain self-governing. He will lead the New Europe group, to be launched in London this morning. He said he believed in the EU and single market, but did not want to be "dragged into a single state".

Straw returns to more controversy

By Claudia Joseph and Philip Webster

THE Home Secretary will be and calls for his resignation. back at his desk today after disappearing for 72 hours at the height of the controversy over the Stephen Lawrence inquiry report.

Having evaded the media during his weekend in the south of France, Jack Straw will return to new claims of bungling in the Lawrence case



Macpherson report. man claimed.

But his most pressing task will be the publication of another critical report on race relations in the police force, published by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary. Instead of facing MPs him-

self. Mr Straw left his deputy. Paul Boateng, to make an emergency statement to the Commons apologising for the "serious and regrettable" errors which led to publication of the names and addresses of police informants in the

Yesterday Sir Norman Fowler, the Shadow Home Secretary, said Mr Straw should be "considering his position". The Home Secretary should have been in Britain, offering reassurance to witnesses and checking that they had not been placed in danger, Sir Nor-

The Inspectorate of Constabulary report today is expected to castigate forces for not doing enough to combat racism a Continued on page 2, col 8

The original owner, who wishes to re-

main anonymous, is a 70-year-old man

from the West Country whose son galva-

nised him into action after watching a tele-

vision programme about the value of old

comics. The comic was bought for him by his mother for the princely sum of two old

Euan Kerr, today's Beano editor, said:

"In those days, a comic was a completely

throwaway item and nobody would have

thought of keeping them, which is why they are so rare. This owner hadn't been

keeping it as an heirloom. It bad just been

sitting up in a loft gathering dust."

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The first edition Beano. complete with mask

Beano original sells for £6,000

BY HANNAH BETTS

DENNIS the Menace and the Bash Street kids were mere twinkles in the cartoonist's eye when the first edition of the Beano was published in 1938. Instead, Big Eggo the ostrich ruled the roost, a character long since consigned to comic history.

Lord Snooty is the only relic from 1938 to have lasted into the 1990s and only the boy aristocrat and his pals could now afford the original edition, which sold at auction vesterday for £6,200, the largest sum

ever paid for a comic in Britain. The proud owner is Oliver Driscoll. 25

from Matlock, Derbyshire, a cameraman who grew up on the exploits of Dennis the Menace and Gnasher. After a battle of nerves in the auction room. Mr Driscoll

felt he had got excellent value for money.
"It's brilliant," he enthused, holding back tears of emotion. "I've always been a big fan of the Beano and a first edition is something I've long since had my eye on."

The comic, dated July 30, 1938, is one of only six copies of the first edition known to be in existence. Its value was boosted because it came with the only known surviving Whoopee mask, a cover-mount given away free to readers.

Lords commission expected to stumble over tight deadline

By James Landale Political Correspondent

THE Royal Commission on House of Lords reform meets today for the first ome amid growing criocism of its membership and timetable.

The t2-member body headed by Lord Wakeham, the former Tory minister, is expected to hammer out its work programme for the coming months and hold an initial discussion of the potential options for radical constitutional change. The Commission has been ordered by the Government to report by the end of the year. If successful, the Commission will have been the shortest ever and will have solved in exactly 10 months, a thorny constitutional riddle which has remained unanswered for more than.

Constitutional experts believe the oght deadline means the Commission will not have onte to think radically and will, instead, propose conservative reforms which are acceptable to the Government. Concerns have also been raised

privately in the Lords over the dis-tinguished but hardly radical membership of the Commission. Comprising nine men and three wom-en, it includes Lord Hurd of Westwell, the former Tory foreign secretary, Lord Butler of Brockwell, the former Cabinet secretary, and Sir Michael Wheeler-Booth, a former

Clerk of the Parliaments. The chief fear is that the Commission will simply follow the lead given by the Government in its recent White Paper and propose a mostly modest, indirectly elected element. "Whether the Royal Commission will be influenced in that direction remains to be seen." Lord Richards, the sacked Labour leader in the Lords, said last week. "I hope it

will resist that temptative."
Writing in Bristol University's latest newsletter, Donald Shell, senior lecturer in politics and leading experi on the Lords, said: "One does wonder how serious an exercise the Commission and the chairmanship of Lord Wakeham is intended to be. Giving the task to a bunch of busy

ings between now and the end of the year implies that ministers want a solution to the House of Lords' problem, rather than any serious reflection on the role of the second chamber in the context of other consolutional reforms underway." Some peers believe that if the Royal Commission does trime up with radical proposals unacceptable to the Government, its report will simply be ignored. Lord Carter, the Chief Whip in the Lords, said last week during a debate on reform.

that there would be "no question" of the Royal Commission being

He added, however: "No govern-. ment is bound by the conclusions of a royal commission. We cannot predict that the outcome of the Commission's work will be wholly ac-

ceptable to the Government."

Mr Shell believes that if the socalled Weatherill Amendment temporarily saving 9t hereditary peers from expulsion survives, the Gov-ernment would be very tempted to ignore the Royal Commission's

al. appointed second chamber to be-come the long-term status quo. The amendment, expected to be tabled next month, when the first stage House of Lords Bill expelling hered itary peers reaches the Lords, was a government compromise to buy off Tory Peers threatening Parliamen-

tary trench warfare. The Commission will meet inioally for a buffet lunch today at its Westminster offices in London

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Jay faces row on change in rape evidence

By Frances GIRR LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Minister for Women. Baroness Jay of Paddington. was last night at the centre of a row over government plans to reform the admissibility of women's sexual history as evidence in rape trials.

The proposals are shortly to be considered by the House of Lords. They are opposed by both the Lord Chief Justice. . Lord Bingham of Cornhill. and the organisation Women against Rape - for conflicting

The controversy has been fuelled by the disclosure that the Government's own Women's Unit, headed by Lady Jay. says that there are times when a woman's sexual history may be relevant. In particular, the unit says that it could be relevant to whether a man thought a woman had consented to sex or not — the attacker's defence that he "thought she wanted it".

The Women's Unit says: "A defendant might claim that he believed the complainant was consenting because he had been told that she always kicked and screamed during sex. This would be relevant to

his honest belief." The disclosure, in a letter to Women Against Rape, has outraged and dismayed the group, which argues that the Home Secretary's proposals give wide latitude for a wornted. Under present law, a man cannot be convicted of rape if

he honestly believed a woman consented. This is based on a

ruling in 1976. In a reply to the Women's Unit. Women against Rape condemn the failure by Lady-Jay to meet their request backed by 200 organisations to support a ban on ques-

nons about sexual history in rape trials. "How can rape victims expect protection if after two decades of campaigning for protective laws, the Wornen's Unit - which is supposed to represent their interests believes rapists' lies over wornen's evidence?" the pressure group says. "Rapist after rapist has been allowed to walk free after claiming that the vic-

om he had beaten black and

blue loved 'rough sex' ."

Jack Straw's proposals seek to curb judges' discretion on admitting as evidence a woman's sexual history. But judges would be able to admit such material where it is evidence of a man's belief in consent. Women Against Rape say that this means the protection which the proposals appear to give would evaporate. They want oghter restrictions.

The Lord Chief Justice is arguing that what is admitted should be at the discretion of the trial judge, as now. The Bill will also stop defendants cross-examining their victims, a move opposed by the Lord Women Against Rape. Ruth Hall, of Women

against Rape, said: "This is a false protection. Most rapists are represented by barristers who are more skilled than themselves in humiliating and discrediting victims." The issue was not who asked the questions, but what questions were asked, she added. "Many countries now ban sexual history evidence. None makes an: exception for a man who claims he believed that a wornan who was kicking and screaming was consenong."

The proposals are contained in the Youth Justice and Criminal Evidence Bill and are expected to debated by peers at the Bill's Report stage.
The Women's Unit says that

Lady Jay shares the concern of Women against Rape that "irrelevant evidence about complainants' previous sexual history should be kept out of sexual offence trials".

The Lord Chief Justice wish-

es to retain the discretion that judges currently have on whether sexual history be allowed: but Women against Rape argue that the Government's proposals create a huge gateway for sexual history to be admitted. Lord Thomas of Gresford has highlighted the fundamental flaw in the Bill that "in almost every case where the defence is one of consent, there will be an additional defence that even if the comfendant reasonably believed that she did consent".



Errol Kerr loves figures so much that he is able to recognise video films by the serial numbers that flash up

HE HAS a photographic memory, can count to ten in five languages including Swahili, recognises videos by their serial number, has an IQ of

150 - all at the age of three. Errol Kerr. who has just started nursery school, has astonished his family and teachers. His parents, Alison, and Steven, are desperately trying to keep up with their son's insatiable appetite for knowl-

Mrs Kerr. 33, from South ent when he was just a baby. "He was very demanding. I

Boy has genius figured out at 3

could only feed him or dress him when I played certain kinds of music. It was if the words were registering with him. When he was about 12 mooths I used to put Disney videos in the recorder for him. they were before they came on

the television I tried to do it

without showing him the cover, but he still knew what it was. It was then I realised that he was recognising the serial number that flashes up before the trailers start.

Before he was two he on the road. He would say tainly doesn't take There's a Nissan' or There's my husband.".

Errol had an IQ level in reading and comprehension of 150, equivalent to that of an

eight-year-old.
The local authority has assigned education experts to monitor the boy's progress. A spokesman for South Tyneside Education Authority said: "Errol has outstanding

Mrs Kerr, a computer operator who has two other children. said: "I don't know tainly doesn't take after me or

Cars end sales rush confusion by T-time

By MICHAEL PATERSON

QUIET motoring revolution took place today as T-time ar-rived early. T-reg numberplates were being introduced only seven months after S-reg

In recent years, a quarter of new car sales have been in the first few days of August, the month for new registration letters since 1967. But car industry representatives had complained that manufacturers had to stockpile cars and could not guarantee to give customers the best service in the annu-

al late summer scramble. The Government is allow-ing new registration plates to be released in March and September. The new letter is the first step in the overhaul of the traditional car registration system, which will switch to a continental-style regional identifi-

cation system by 2001. Those who covet the latest letter seemed unaware of the impending change yesterday. Since 1992, Dees, a large Ford showroom in Croydon, South London, has marked the arrival of new letters by opening at midnight, sometimes with a steel band. Last night it stayed

One of its salesmen, Jason Chuter, said: "More than half the people looking for a new car this weekend didn't even know the T-reg was about to

He said that it was too cold for midnight celebrations, which would probably return

in September.

The move to a twice-yearly letter change, which is being paid for by manufacturers atter they requested the move. vehicles over the year, according to experts.

Police investigate MoD hacker claim

SCOTLAND YARD'S Fraud Squad is investigating allegadons that a hacker has succeeded in breaking into secret military installations in Brit-ain (Michael Evans writes).

Fraud Squad officers who are responsible for investigating offences against the Computer Misuse Act began inquiries after suspicions that several "international sites", including military installations, had been targeted by a hacker. Scotland Yard confirmed that an investigation was under way but refused to give any more information.

Ministry of Defence sources firmly denied a report that a hacker had managed to take control of one of Britain's mili-

and had altered its course. The MoD's Skynet 4 satellites provide secure communications for all British Armed Forces overseas. Until last week there were four such satellites in orbit. Last week a fifth satellite was launched on an Ariane rocket at the European Space Centre in French Guiana. MoD sources said all the Skynet satellites were "on course and denied that a hacker had tried to interfere with them.

A Sunday Business report claimed that the MoD had had to report that one of its satellites had been taken over by a hacker. The MoD sources said the satellites were immune from hacking.

IRA weapons will not be forfeited, say chiefs

BY MARTIN FLETCHER, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

SINN FEIN'S leaders empharically ruled out IRA disarmament yesterday as several thousand supporters attended a Belfast rally to demand their party's immediate and unconditional inclusion in Northern Ireland's new government.

"There's not even the remotest possibility of the IRA responding to this unilateral demand ... for the surrender of the IRA," Martin McGuinness, Sinn Fein's chief negotiator, told the BBC.

He added that Unionists were "unable to accept that in the course of 30 years they

hadn't the ability to militarily defeat the IRA".

Mitchel McLaughlin, Sinn Fein's more moderate chairman, issued the same defiant message at the afternoon rally. He accused Unionists of fighting a rearguard action against change and nationalist empowerment, and said their veto on full implementation of the Good Friday Agreement had to be removed.

We are sick, sore and tired of [Unionists] blocking, stalling, prevaricating, making deals then backing out of deals and constantly trying to rewrite the Good Friday agreement." he said.

The Government has set Wednesday week as a target date for transferring power to Northern Ireland. That will not happen unless the new executive has been set up but David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist Party leader, will not set up an execuõve that includes Sinn Fein without a downpay-ment of IRA weaponry. Mr McLaughlin insisted Sinn Fein was committed to contriburing to building trust, but any capitulation to Unionist de-

mands would be a betrayal.

Straw family take flights on cheap

BY CLAUDIA JOSEPH

THE Home Secretary and his wife, Alice, who earn more than £150,000 between them and run three houses, saved £360 by flying to the south of France on the budget airline easyJel.

Easylet's most expensive flights, from Luton to Nice, cost E129 each way but Mr. Straw. who earns £87.851. booked the tickets before Christmas at a discount price of E39 each.

Like the other passengers on the two-hour cut price flight, the couple, who have been married for 20 years, were not offered a meal on the aero-

hot and cold drinks. It is the second time the couple have saved money on airline flights. Last week's Register of Members' Interests disclosed that the Straw family obtained an

upgrade to club class on their British Airways flights to and from Delhi over Christmas. saving them £8,280. Mr Straw, 52, who has been an MP since 1979, and his

wife, who is the second most senior civil servant in the Department of Health, enjoy a comfortable lifestyle. Mrs Straw, 49, earns between F75,210 and F109,420 as director of resources and service. They own three houses, including the family home in a fash-

Straw back to face a new outcry

Continued from page 1 year after an initial report

found weaknesses. While Mr Boateng stood at the despatch box, Mr Straw and his wife Alice, a senior civil servant at the Department of Health, were in the middle of a flight to the French Riviera.

The couple bought their easylet budget flight ockets in December, at a cost of £39 each way instead of £129, but chose not to change it despite the airline allowing passengers to change their flights for E10 plus the difference in seat

Instead they caught the 10.45am easylet flight from Lu-ton Airport to Nice, only in-forming a handful of White-hall officials where they were

going.
In a direct message to the black community. Tony Blair will today tell the New Nation newspaper that Britain is lag-ging behind the United States in its treatment of ethnic mi-

"In all honesty, I don't think I can say that enough has been done to improve race relations in the UK." he says. Meanwhile the Bishop of

Stepney, the Rt Rev Dr John Sentamu, who was one of Sir William's inquiry team, said it took full responsibility for including informants' details in the report's appendices.

Russian threat will cost RAF £1bn for new missile

By MICHAEL EVANS

THE Ministry of Defence will spend £1 billion to replace one of the missiles selected for the RAF's Eurofighter in order to counter the threat of a new Russian air-to-air missile.

Western intelligence services have warned that the new Russian missile will be faster and have a longer range than the medium-range air-to-air missile (AMRAAM) to be fitted to the Eurofighter. The RAF is buying 232 Eurofighters at a cost of £15 billion. The first are due to come into service in 2002.

Although a cash shortage has stopped work on the new Russian missile, it is feared that countries that have Russian fighters, such as China and India, may help fund the programme. Intelligence services be-lieve that it will take four years to finish developing the missile.

The British and other European defence ministries still try to stay ahead of Russian weapons technology because Moscow sells its arms to an increasine number of foreign customers. Defence sources stressed that the Eurolighter would still have a more sophisticated radar than the best Russian fighters, as well as better defensive systems and electronic

warfare equipment. However, the potential threat posed by the Russian missile is being taken so seriously that the Government is to approve the development of a superior weapon. The MoD is this week expected to ask for final bids for a missile that will able to hit a target at least 70 miles away.

The range of AMRAAM is only about 20 miles. The contract is expected to be awarded during the The choice to be made is between

a European collaboración involving, among others. British Aerospace and GEC, and an American system.

developed by the Raytheon compa-ny, makers of the AMRAAM. The European missile, called Meteor, would not be in operation until about 2007, five years after Eurolighter comes into service. Raythe-

on is offering an interim weapon sys-

tem based on AMRAAM which could be ready by 2004 and a more advanced missile, comparable to the Meteor, about three years later.

as "inadequate". The Government is being warned that if it chooses the Raytheon weap-

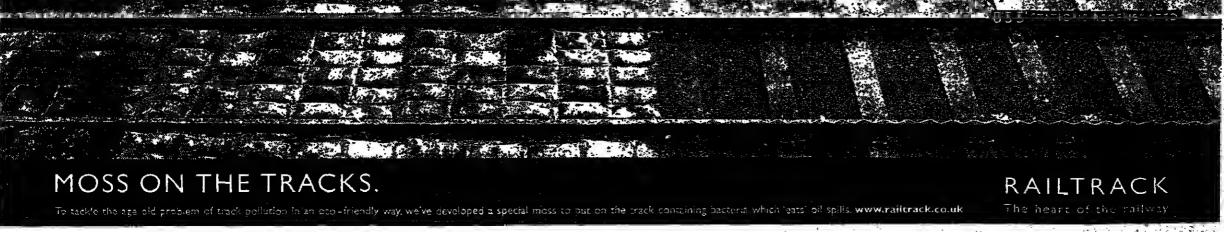
on, it could put at risk export sales of the Eurofighter because Congress in Washington has the power to veto an American missile.

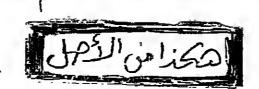
The European consortium has dismissed Raytheon's interim missile

the sale of any aircraft armed with Sources in the European consorti-

um said the Meteor would have a significantly better performance than the existing AMRAAM, using a German-designed ramjet propulsion system. They said the motor of the AMRAAM only functioned at top speed for about seven seconds. after which the missile began to slow down, reducing its "killing" ability at the far end of its maximum

In recent clashes over Iraq, Iraqi MiG jets were able to outrun AM-RAAMs launched by American





Heading the ball is fool's game, says GP

BY IAN MURRAY MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

HEADING the ball outside the penalty area should be banned to protect football players from brain injury. according to a GP who advises a league club. David Kernick, med-

ical officer to Exeter City. says that a rule change is needed immediately as evidence mounts that repeated heading may cause mental decline.

Writing in The British Journal of General Prac-nce, published today, Dr Kernick says it is estimated that there are over a million regular soccer players in Britain alone. In view of the huge numbers active in the sport round the world, if heading the ball caused even a slight amount of brain damage there would be significant public health cunsequences.

Although the dangers of serious head injury while playing the game are recognised, there is conflicting evidence about whether heading the ball is hazardous.

A benefits tribunal in Scotland last year rejected an appeal for compen-sation by Billy McPhail, a former Celtic star, who claimed that his pre-senile dementia was caused by frequently heading heavy leather bulls. He scored a hat trick of headers when Celtic beat Rangers 7-1 in the 1957 Scottish Cup Final and Sir Tom Finney. giving evidence on his behalf, told the tribunal: Billy was constanding in the air ... There's got to be a link between heading these balls and problems in later life."

A recent survey using brain scarts on profes ers found they did suffer real newrophysiological impairment Another cludy of Norwegian ama war players published in The Laureer also found subtle changes in their

ability to reason. The Football Assocnation's medical committer is to start a careerlong monitoring programme of 15 apprentices to see if heading the ball causes permanent damage. They will be reviewed every five years.

Dr Kernick says that it will be difficult to obtain clear evidence, but the latest studies do imply that heading poses a danger. He accepts that it would be impossible to ban heading altogether because it is an essential part of the game and "ofters an important dimension of play, particularly

around the goalmouth". However, because of the risks, he argues that a compromise may be acceptable. There can be few global health proposals that cost nothing, are can to implement and have the potential to confer benefit on such a large number of people."



The bi-monthly magazine will have a made ratio of 10,000 but the advertisements are aimed at the elite with seven-figure transfer fees rather than the less affluent world outside the Premier League

Title for men with world at their feet

By DOMINIC KENNEDS

for probessental footballers has been launched, filled with glossy advertisements for fast cars, country mansions and luxury vachts.

The Players' Journal is distributed free to an elite of 1,000 men with a combined earning power of about C361 million. most of it highly disposable.

The advertisements tempe the Premiership's finest with playthings such as a yacht which cruises the Caribbean for \$87,500 a week, and a Fiat Autodelia car. which does 0-60 in 6.2 seconds and has a top speed of 152mph. For the less playful, there is a modern mansion with almost as many buthrooms as bedrooms, costing 1.9 million.

They are also adverts to attract the wives and girlfriends who help to spend the sevenfigure transfer fees and bonus-

Footballers do it by mumbers" says the advertisement for Classic Nouveau Registrations, which offers personalised number plates such as FAS 7, 60 GO and MSNEY, with prices up to 199,500.

There are lots of glossy colpur pictures, mainly action shots of famous players from Bobby Charlton to Michael Owen, in the 130 pages of the bimonthly produced by the Professional Footballers Association. The cover boy is Davan idea of the tribulations of a rich and famous footballer's life. A section headed "Can I thumphim" contains five payes of advice about how in tackle nosy reporters and photographers. A sports lawyer writes: "Apart from the fleeting moment of pleasure that it may give, hitting a meriber of the pressor a photographer will al-

most certainly result in an action being taken against you." The Health and Fitness seetion has an introduction to the hamstring, complete with pictures of a masked surgeon. players being interchered away in agony, and Alan Shearer warming up. (Next issue: your pulse and what it's

telling you. An article headlined "Villas go top" gives tips on how to arrange a sunshine break in a remote villa, because "luxury, privacy and independence score highly in your list of holi-

day priorities". Another feature asks: "What sort of player is the ad man's dream?" After five pages of consideration, the author concludes: "Blend the skill and application of Kenny Dalglish and the flair and high profile of George Best, and you have the ad man's dream."

The Players' Journal itself is the real ad man's dream. The magazine is being delivered through the doors of all PFA

THE first lifesple magazine aid Beckham. The articles give members, and is the only way ; to target this highly incrasive niche market. The readership is about 10,000.

Not everything is decadence and pleasure in a footballer's world HSBC Personal Disability Insurance has an advertisement showing a player on a stretcher with the ironic headline "A great future."

Next to the "Can I thump him?" feature is an advertisement for automated gates, and a few pages later is one for bod-

Ken Bruce, chief executive of Futures in Sport, which has taken a two-page spread for management training courses, thinks The Players Journal may have too many pages. The majority of footballers seem to have a very low boredom threshold," he said. "They don't seem the sort of

130-odd page magazine." While it is easy to imagine a footballer's girlfriend such as Victoria "Posh Spice" Adams browsing through the adverdisements, the magazine may leave a Third Division player struggling to pay the mort-gage feeling a little cold. Michael Tait, whose Proper-

people to sit down and read a

ty Hunters service finds homes for people who are rich and busy, said it was a "fair as-sumption" that none of his clients played for Leyton Orient

Shearer scores over the tycoons

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

ALAN SHEARER, the England and Newastle striker, is reported to be Brit-ain's highest carning footballer, with

ET7.5 million a year including a long-term £20 million boot deal with Umbro. The wages and salaries bill of the Pre-mier League was £218 million, accord-ing to the latest Deloitte Touche survey. while even the journeymen of the Thurd Division received £18 million.

Footballers' carnings have been rising rapidly, by more than 25 per cent a

year. And the figure for this season is likely to be considerably higher. The Deloitte Touche survey put the to-tal wage bill of the 92 league clubs at £361 million, but that excludes the sponsorship deals which can increase a player's cash carnings fivefold. Well-known players from all divisions often have to pay nothing for lummies as sponsors levish these with designer boots, suchs.

Manchester Und spent (23 million on salaries. Newcastle United £17 million. Assenal and Liverpool El5 million each. Hartlepool United spent £503,000, Paul Gasenigne is reputed to earn £13.5 million a year. David Beckham £9.4 million. Michael Owen El million.

The basic salary of a chief executive in the FTSE 100 is £42k000, although that is boosted to £617.000 with his anmust bonus and long-term incentive plan. Charles Brads of the global investment service AMWES mens £25 million a year. The Prime Minister gets EIOLISO on top of his MI's salary of £45.000 jaithough Tony Blair chooses to draw just over the 2000.

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Spice babies 'at risk of deafness'

BY IN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

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THE spec Girls habits are in that if you have to speak loudis to be understood, that noise environment is potentially dan-gerous to your hearing and your infant's hearing." Linda Frazier, of the Univer-

sity of Konsas, said that human studies had shown that the loss of hearing among children of women who worked in-noisy places was enough to make it difficult for them to hear reachers at school and possibly cause learning diffi-As many as \$40 children

born in Britain each year have a significant hearing impairment. The National Deaf Chidren's Society said that the problem was not noticed in half of the children until they were 18 months old, and that it was me noticed diagnosed in a quarter of them until they were 3 . Thousands more suffor hearing loss through illness or accident. As many as a quarter el finesear olds have loss hearing as a result of ear inferiors.

Thin Red Line defies US attack

By SHIRLEY ENGLISH

WAR is being waged over the title of the American film The Thin Red Line, which went on general release this weekend. Concern has been expressed that the phrase which de-scribed Bruish troops in the Crimean War will be lost to Hollywood's definition in the minds of young muriegoers.

The director Terrence Malick's three-hour war epic, starring Sean Penn and Nick Note: tells of an American attempt to capture the Pacific island of Guadalcanal from the Japanese forces in 1942.

The film's publicity anributes the title origin to an old saving from the American Mid-West: "There is only a thin red line between the same and the mad," Britons hold that the phrase originated with The Times war correspondent Sir William Howard Russell, who used it to describe the 93rd Sutherland Highlanders at the Bank of Balaclava on October 25, 1884. Forming a two-deep defensive line to repel the Russian advance, he said in his disparch that their scarlet tunics appeared as a "thin red streak topped with a line of steel".

The phrase "the thin red line" was tater attributed to him and the regiment, now the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, adopted it as its own. Despite the regiment abandon-ing red tunies for dark green jackets and Black Watch tartan kilts, the phrase remains the title of the regimental magazine. The event inspired one of the best known 19th-century battle paintings. The Thin Red Line by Robert Gibb. the Scottish artist.

Tim Hall of Thin Red Line. a shirtmaker in Savile Row, London, which supplies the military, said yesterday: "We are proud of the historical and British connotations of our name and naturally it is of some concern to us that as a result of the Terrence Malick film the phrase will be widely

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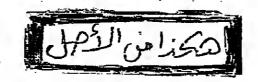
eal fur. It's to die for. In fact, every year tens of thousands of mink do, on fur farms throughout the UK. In the wild, mink establish territories of over a kilometre, where they climb, dive and swim. On farms, they are confined in rows of tiny cages. In such restricted conditions mink show abnormal behaviour. There are instances of fur-biting and even self-mutilation. We at the RSPCA believe that this is cruel. Nevertheless, there are still those who would kill for a real mink coat. The preferred method of slaughter on most farms is to gas the mink. On March 5th, the MP Maria

would kill for a real mink coat. The preferred method of slaughter on most farms is to gas the mink. On March 5th, the MP Maria Eagle's Bill to ban fur farming in the UK will be debated in the Commons. A new opinion poll revealed that 74% of the British public support a ban on fur farming. If you're part of this majority please write to your MP urging them to attend the House on March 5th and to vote in favour of the Bill. Then next season we might see fur coats where they belong. On the backs of their original owners.



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Rivals o



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By Michael Paterson

A BOXING fan died after falling under the wheels of a coach while trying to escape fighting that broke out after a Commonwealth title bout. Violence raged around the ambulancemen as they tried to save the man's life.

The 31-year-old was carried into the coach for treatment but rioters, one swinging a chain above his head, forced their way inside. Windows were smashed and passengers assaulted while the ambulance-

men attempted to revive him. Fighong broke out between supporters after the Commonwealth middleweight title bout between Jason Lewis and Paul Jones at Oldham Sports Centre on Saturday. The conflict spilled out into the car park. where the man was fatally iniured. He will be named today.

The ambulancemen, who asked not to be named, spoke of their horror at the fighting. One, who has 15 years experience, said: "It was the sheer level of violence that shocked us. It was a baying mob. Anyone else could have run away or defended themselves but we were there with a job to do. We were there to save someone's life and we couldn't just leave."

His colleague, in his 40s, said: "We are used to dealing [with situations] where vio-lence does occur, but not of this magnitude." The man who died had trav-

elled from London in the coach to watch the fight be-tween Jones, 32, of Sheffield, and Matthews, 28, from Hackney, East London. A sell-out crowd of about 1,000 saw Matthews win after Jones was disqualified by the referee, John Coyle, in the seventh round for continuous holding.

Greater Manchester Police are to examine the role that alcohol played in the night's events. Some witnesses reported that many fans had been drinking.

A spokesman for Frank Warren's Sports Network, which promoted the show, said that no comment would be made as the violence had not happened in the boxing arena. The British Boxing Board of Control said: "We deeply regret this tragic loss of life of a young man who had come to enjoy himself at a boxing tournament. There had been no

trouble inside the hall and the

boxing that had taken place had been enjoyable and tobust-

ly supported, apart from a dis-Violence at boxing bouts is becoming more regular. The most recent outbreak was last July, when fans of Michael Smyth threw chairs and punches as he lost to Geoff Mc-Creesh in a British welter-weight title bout in Reading.

Some bouts may attract foottelligence Unit of the National Criminal Intelligence Service has attended boxing matches, notably the light-middle weight contest between Robert Mc-Cracken, a Birmingham City fan, and Steve Foster, a Manchester United fan,in 1994.



By MICHAEL HARVEY

THE body of a 15-year-old girl was found in a lake by two boys skateboarding at the weekend. She had been mur-

The body of Rachel Glenn was discovered in the shallows at Charnwood Water in Loughborough, Leicestershire. She had disappeared on Wednes-

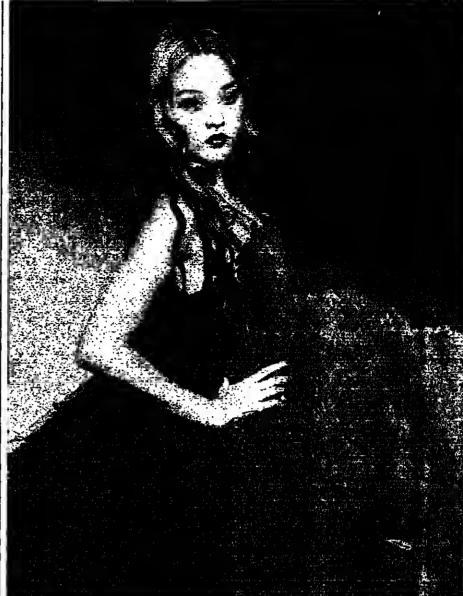
Police confirmed that Rachel died from drowning Police but said there were signs of a struggle and that head injuries may have been a contributory factor in her death.

The area was sealed off by police yesterday as divers earched the lake for clues. Officers also searched surrounding parkland.

Detective Superintendent

Bryan Warraker, who is leading the investigation, said Rachel had last been seen by friends on Wednesday but was only reported missing by her mother on Friday. He said: "It was not unusual for Rachel to go off with her friends. On this occasion we were contacted when all the other checks her parents had done failed to locate her."

Police arrested an 18-yearold local youth yesterday in connection with the murder. Boxing, page 38 Loughborough police station



Devon Aoki, the 16-year-old London schoolgirl who has become a top model

Schoolgirl is a hit in fashion world

By DEBORAH BRETT IN MILAN AND CLAUDIA JOSEPH

DONATELLA VERSACE unveiled her Versus line last night at Alcatraz, the Milan nightclub, with the help of her

new muse Devon. Measuring in at a mere 5ft 6in, Devon Aoki, the 16-yearold London schoolgirl, is even shorter than Kate Moss, who at 5ft 7in was an exception to the catwalk height rule of at least 5ft loin. With long light-brown hair and hazel eyes. Devon has caught the eye of the fashion photographers Jürgen Teller and Steven Meisel, who featured her in Italian Vogue, and has landed the Chanel and Versus advertising campaigns as well as being a favourite of the designer

Yohji Yamamoto. She fits in modelling around her schoolwork and shot the Versus advertisements last week before returning to Loodon to attend les-

sons for the rest of the week. Sarah Doukas, managing director of the model agency Storm, signed Devon after Miss Moss, another client. spotted her in an American magazine. Ms Doukas, who knew Devon's parents previously, said: "She is one of the most successful girls in the world at the moment but is also very academic. The work

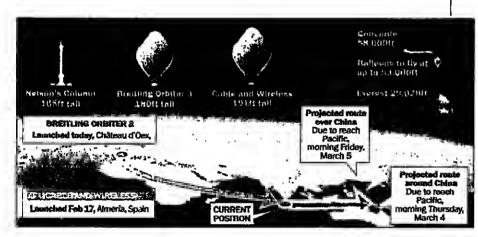
she has done is exceptional. It is no longer seen as a hinpear on the catwalk, as clothes are always fitted to each mod-

el beforehand. The search for a new face, a representation of the look a label wants to achieve, has eathcred pace to the point where a new muse is now proclaimed

every season. Devon, whose mother accompanies her on trips, seems unphased by all the attention. As a teenager she is more enamoured with skateboarding and bands than her modelling career.

Last night, after-show entertainment was provided by the Grammy award-winning Lenny Kravitz, who took to the stage for a one-hour concert.

Rivals on tail of Briton who designed their balloon



FROM HELEN RUMBELOW IN CHÂTEAU D'OEX

THE record-breaking balloonists Andy Elson and Colin Prescot are facing a challenge from a craft due to be launched in Switzerland today. It would be the first time two round-the-world attempts have been pitted against each other in the air. Bertrand Piccard, a Swiss psychiatrist, and Brian Jones, a British ballooning instructor, are attempting lift-off in Brei-tling Orbiter 3. Although Mr Elson and Mr Prescot have more than ten days' start, they are handicapped by being unable to catch the fast winds over China. All British-registered balloons were

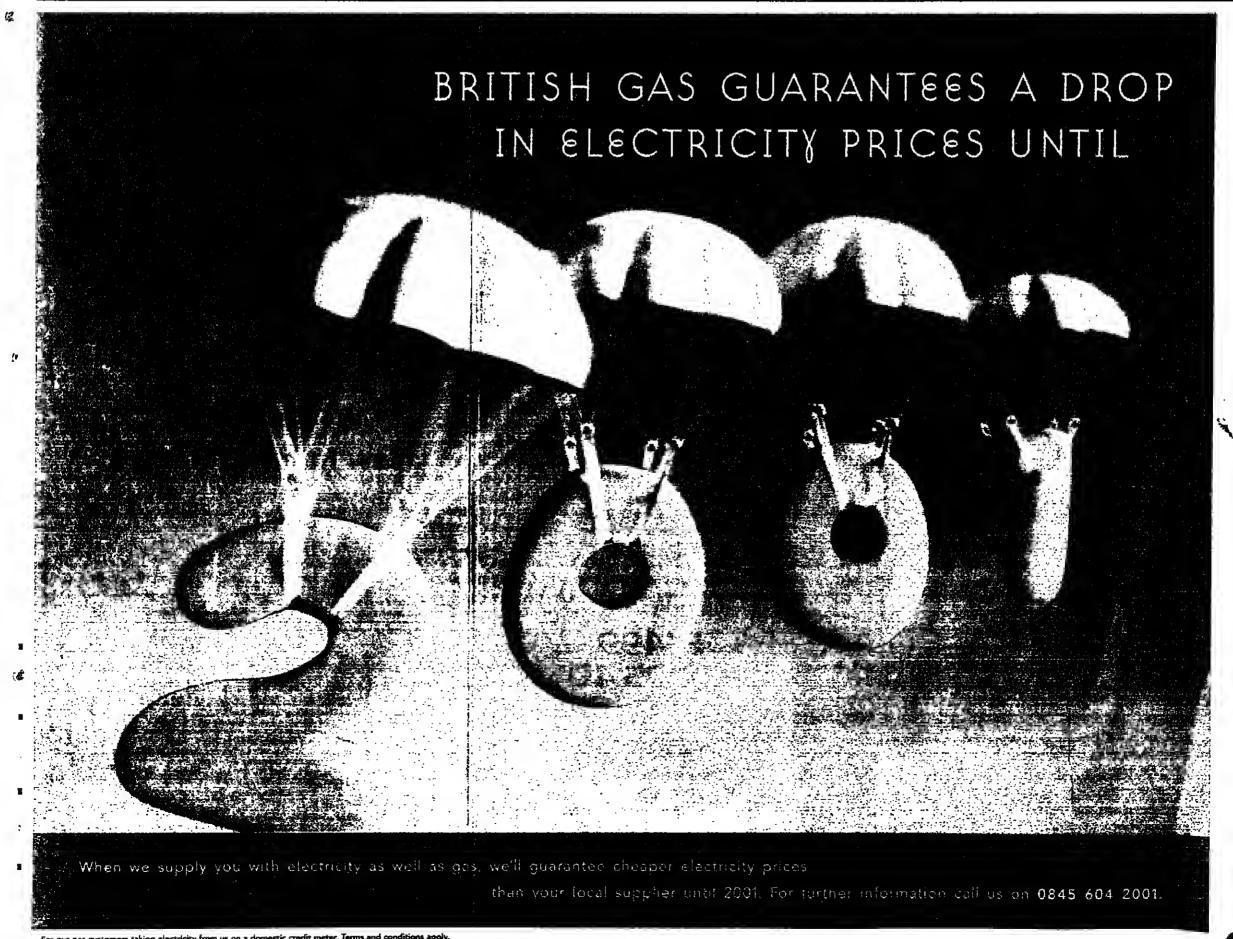
banned from China after Richard Bran-

son trespassed into its air space at Christ-mas. This has cost the Cable and Wireless team nearly a week as it made a detour. Mr Elson and Mr Prescot, who beat the world record of ten days in the air over Burma on Saturday, are moving at a frustrating 25mph as they try to clear the Bay of Bengal without drifting north to China.

They predict they will reach the Pacific by Thursday at the earliest. Mr Piccard and Mr Jones aim to tail them into the Pacific by Friday and may overtake shortly afterwards if their winds are favourable. Mr Elson has built his own possible

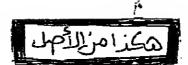
Nemesis: the Breitling team is taking advantage of his balloon design from when he was its engineer and pilot last year. He spent nine days aloft with Mr Piccard, an attempt also thwarted by a Chinese ban. Although they are both balloon fanatics — Mr Piccard is the grandson of Auguste Piccard, who invented the modern balloon capsule - there was a personality clash and Mr Elson left Breitling soon after their crash landing last year. His consolation in the present rivalry is

that he left the Swiss team without the expertise to work his unique kerosene fuel system. The Breitling crew admits that Mr Elson's invention "offered an enormous advantage" but has been forced to switch back to the more conventional propane. This means that the Cable and Wireless team are carrying 25 days' fuel while Breitling has enough only for 21 days, because propane is heavier to store.



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TV presenter is critical after police accident

By MICHAEL HARVEY

THE award-winning broadcaster Sheena McDonald remained in a critical condition vesterday after being hit by a

The 44-year-old journalist suffered serious head injuries when she was knocked down just before midnight on Friday in Islington, North London, as the van was answering an emergency call.

Doctors at the University College Hospital in Euston said that Ms McDonald, a vereran presenter of Channel 4 News. The World This Week and BBC1's On The Record. remained in an intensive care

Her family was last night maintaining a bedside vigil at the hospital. Despite her injuries, it is understood that there are no immediate plans for Ms McDonald to undergo sur-

Ms McDonald began her career as a newsreader with BBC Radio Scotland. She spent eight years at Scottish Television before moving to London to begin work for Channel 4.

Stuart Cosgrove, the Scot-nish-based head of pro-grammes at Channel 4, said yesterday: "Sheena is a great stalwart of Channel 4 and an important broadcaster. All our

thoughts are with her and we hope she makes a speedy re-

Yesterday Alan Little, Ms McDonald's boyfriend, joined her family at the hospital after flying in from Moscow, where he is the BBC's correspondent. Mr Little, a former war reporter who has won awards for his coverage of the Gulf War and the war in Bosnia, has been with Ms McDonald for four

Gordon Brown, who was ro-mantically linked with Ms.Mc-Donald while they were at Edinburgh University in the 1970s and again in 1994, is also being kept informed of her condition. The Chancellor, who

McDonald: suffered severe head injuries

spent the weekend in Scotland with his fiancee. Sarah Macaulay, remains a close

Reports emerged in 1994 that the pair were seeing each other again before Mr Brown began his relationship with Ms Macaulay, a public relations company executive, later

Ms McDonald, who chaired the judging panel for the Orange Fiction Prize last year, was knocked down in St John's Street, Islington, The police van, which had its blue lights flashing and siren on, was answering an emergency call to a fight on nearby Holloway Road

Scotland Yard said that the driver, a 27-year-old constable, had been suspended from driving and that an investigation launched as part of standard procedure.

Both the driver and his 30-year-old colleague were un-

☐ Thirty-eight people, including six police officers, died in accidents involving police vehicles in London over the six years to 1998. During the year 1997/98 there were 5,710 police accidents. Police officers were found to be at least partially at fault in more than 2000 of



A young Carry On fan admiring a poster of Kenneth Williams. His the films "didn't have a deep meaning"

By HANNAH BETTS

A NEW generation is rebelling against new Labour's prissy nanny state by crying "Oooh, Matroni" and embracing the 31 politically incorrect films of the Carry On canon.

The academic Andy Medhurst told a conference at the National Film Theatre - a London venue better known for screening the classic films of Andrei Tarkovsky. Krzysztof Kiéslowski and Akira Kurosawa - that the comedy classics had found themselves a new audience.

"In Blair's Britain we're always being told to be decent upstanding citizens," said Dr Medhurst, a senior lecturer in media studies at Sussex Uni-

New generation falls for Carry On classics

grope and a laugh'.
"What used to be the preserve of a working class audience has a cult status with a young, a last mid-

"In the 1960s middle-class youth held the films in contempt. On Saturday night they'd all be off to the

a deep meaning."
But Andrew Spearman, 25, defend-

versity. "It's no surprise that people turn to something that says soil that.

Let's get drunk and have a be of a shift and suddenly Carry Ons have what we might call cultural capital."

Dr Medhurst was joined on stage

by the Carry On actress Patsy Rowlands and photography director Alan Hume. Both said that their new fans look for too much meaning in the films. "Students do read so many things into it," said Ms Rowlands. "I

get letters asking 'What were you thinking when you said that line?' The truth is I was probably thinking about what I'd be picking up from Sains-burys on the way home. It didn't have

ed fans of his generation. "I don't think it's something we take too seri-ously. It's just a bit of fun — a Sunday afternoon thing that we all grew up with. There is an element of ironic appreciation, of course, but I wouldn't say it's the main factor."

☐ In May, Pinewood studios will cash in on the trend with its first official Carry On Day — a Carry On-style event in-volving coach parties and a buffet

Advertisers not amused by Yet again, NEC bring you itcom's failure

By CAROL MIDGLEY, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

ITV sefforts to attract the view. Pressure is building on ITV exers with a comedy based on a successful American series have failed to impress public and critics alike. Days like These swhich it had been hoped would end ITV's reputation for mediocre sitcoms, may

now be scrapped. Based on the top-ranking American series That 70s Show, it was made under the auspices of the US team Carsey-Werner, producers of Roseanne. It is set in 1976 and centres on a group of teenagers trying to circumvent the authority of their parents. In the American version they live in Wisconsin; in the British version, Luton. But critics say the concept does not work on this

side of the Atlantic. David Liddiment, ITV's director of programmes, com-missioned an initial 12 episodes with an option for ten more. However, it is now likely that the second batch will be cancelled and sources say the series may even be dropped before the end of its current run.

ecutives, as advertisers were promised the show would win audiences of up to 10 million. Instead, fewer than six million people have tuned in.

The show, shown on Friday evenings, is so far absent from ITV's schedule for March 12 when BBC1 broadcasts Comic Relief. Insiders say executives fear its ratings may collapse when it is pitted against the popular fundraiser, and an edition of You've Been Fra to be shown instead.

An ITV source said: "It's difficult to see how it can last at this rate. The figures have dropped as low as four million at some points in the programme and the advertisers are not going to stand for that. In commercial television you have to deliver the goods but so far Days Like These has

failed to do that.". It is not the first time that attempts to anglicise an American show have failed, although the idea has worked

£500,000 for first 2000 slot

By CAROL MIDGLEY MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

COMPANIES bidding to become the last television advertiser in this millennium and the first in the next could have to pay up to El million for the privilege.

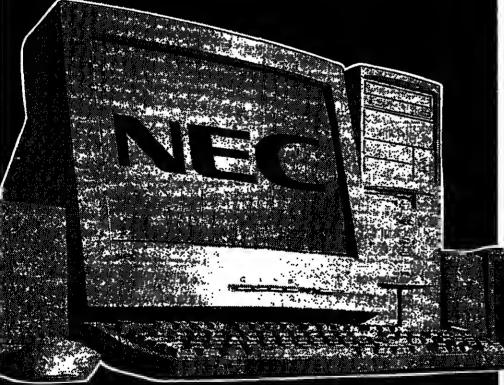
Experts predict that a 30-sec-ond national slot either side of midnight could cost more than £500,000, compared with a usual peak-time rate of £100,000. One advertiser, Abbey National, is known to have ap-

proached ITV stations three years ago to buy up the firstin-2000 slot. Another contendis Whitehall's publicity machine, the Central Office of Information.

Granada 'Media which handles advertising for five ITV areas, has been approached by about a dozen companies interested in secur-

ing advertisements.
Jo Brinkman, publicity officer, said: "A lot of people turn on their TVs to see Big Ben chime in the New Year and there is a certain amount of kudos about being first in 2000. We obviously want to maximise revenue as well as being fair."

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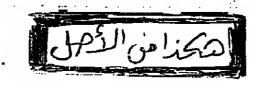
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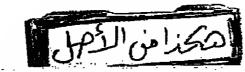
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Hague to seek ways of saving the pound

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

WILLIAM HAGUE hardened the Conservative Party's antieuro stance yesterday by announcing a policy commission to investigate keeping the pound and withdrawing from cross-party preparations for the single currency.

He warned senior Tories to campaign for the party's candidates rather than members of the new Pro-Euro Conservative Party in the forthcoming European elections. Under pressure because of poor poll ratings and further signs of Tory divisions on the issue. Mr Hague declared that anyone failing to back official candidates would be "out on their

Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseltine have not denied reports that they met Tony Blair and Gordon Brown in advance of last week's publication of the National Changeover Plan for the euro. It is unlikely, however, that they would back non-official can-

Mr Hague's announcement of a policy commission, expected to be headed by a former Cabinet minister and containing economists and City experts, showed that he is ready to put himself at the head of the anti-euro campaign.

He said that the commission would assess how Britain could take fullest advantage of its own currency, "I'm going to make sure that the facts and the information and the debate is there, to make sure peo-

ple really do have a choice."
He added in a reference to today's introduction of the New Europe group: "Other people in other parties, like David Owen, are going to join me in making sure that the country has a choice. I'm very happy to be on that side of the argument, so let battle com-

Mr Hague said the Conservatives would withdraw from the cross-party committee that

will oversee the National Changeover Plan examining how the euro could replace the pound, announced by Mr Blair last Tuesday. "The nature of that committee has changed. It is now to prepare for the introduction of the euro in Britain and to do so without having sought the consent of the voters ... I think that is wrong," he told BBC Radio 4's The World This Weekend.

David Davis, who until yesterday was the Tory member on the committee, said that it was about little more than trying to convince the public that the euro was inevitable.

"The Government should cision of the British people." he said. "It is constitutionally unsound and democratically improper. It is now clear that the Government's intention is that the pound is to perish. I will have no part of this." ☐ The Pro-Euro Conservative

Party said that it would field at least five candidates in the summer's European elections. its leaders John Stevens and Brendan Donnelly will be joined by two more former Tory MEPs, Paul Howell, who represented Norfolk for 15 years until 1994, and Andrew Pearce, Member for Cheshire West and Wirral for ten years until 1989; and a former journalist, Richard Bassett. Mr Pearce resigned from the Conservative list of candidates for the North West to join the new party. Mr Stevens said: "We are announcing our decision to stand as candidates in this year's European elections to assure Conservative voters that they will have a choice in June between the Euroscepticism offered by William Hague's candidates and a positive attitude towards Europe, in particular

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towards the euro."



Lord Owen, once backed by Lord Sainsbury of Turville, left, is now supported by Lord Sainsbury of Ph

Trouble is in store as euro splits the Sainsbury family

THE emergence today of New Europe, the group opposed to Britain joining the single currency, confirms the political split in one of Britain's richest families.

One of the financial backers of the campaign is Lord (John) Sainsbury of Pres-ton Candover, cousin of Lord (David) Sainsbury of Turville, the Science Minister, who gave up the post of chairman of the supermarket giant last year, having taken over from his older cousin John. When he joined Tony Blair's Government, the 391-store group was left without a Sainsbury family member for the first

time in its 129-year history.

The dynasty has long been associated with politics. John's brother, Sir Tim Sainsbury, was a minister in the previous Tory Government, Sir Tim's son-in-law is Shaun Woodward, Conservative MP for Witney, and a former Tory spin doctor.

But for David Salusbury the birth of New Europe, under Lord Owen, may be an unhappy event. He, after all, is a close friend of David Owen and helped to

Minister will not be happy that cousin backs New Europe, writes Philip Webster

bankroll the Social Democratic Party in

its early days; pro-Europeanism was one of the party's guiding policies.

With the demise of the SDP and Labour's shift to electability. David Sainsbury became close to Mr Blair, gave large sums to the Labour Party, and ended up in the Government, in which he serves as an enthusiastic Europhile. His political rift with his cousin will

surprise few observers of the retail trade. The word has long been that they do not get on. John Sainsbory, a senior executive for a lengthy period during which it overtook Marks & Spencer as Britain's

most profitable relater, has been said to be a hard-headed autocrat. He was known for pacing his stores, checking that the produce was fresh, the cans stacked properly, and living the maxim he in-herited from his father. "Retail is detail."

ed as quiet, thoughtful and approacha-ble. He was quoted at the time of his succession as saying of his cousin: "He loses his temper and I don't." David's father, Lord Sainsbury of Dru-y Lane, the grandson of the founders of

David, by contrast, was always regard-

the chain, died last year at the age of 96. He too was involved in politics, standing as a Liberal candidate, joining Labour and then the SDP The Sainsburys are proud of their record of supporting political initiatives. Their tastes are various. Last year a one-

off edition of Marxism Today thanked "James Sainbury for his very generous docation." James is the son of Sir Tim. His sister Camilla is married to Mr Woodward. ----

THE OPPOSITION

The multimitationsire businessman Paul Sykes formed movement ambers of Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Pany and is chairman. Ar Democracy Day this month supporters will be asked to "give a pound to save the pound".

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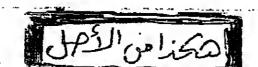
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Border row is putting Rock out of business

THE Spanish border guard amused his colleague with an animated joke, swapped cig-arettes and slowly sipped his coffee as the line of vehicles waiting to leave Gibraltar stretched further than he could see.

At the front of the queue Edward Franks had been waiting five hours to cross the frontier into Spain. Usually this is a formality but the self-employed businessman said: "Spain appears to be at war with Gibraliar and nobody in Britain seems to have noticed."

When Mr Franks, 46, loses patience and asks the grinning guards to let him pass, they order his family out of the car. One guard takes out his penknife and jabs at the upholsiery of the Franks' new Audi, looking for contraband and drugs. The other frisks Dany Franks, 7, who is forced to remove his jacket and put his

The search takes 20 minutes, during which the queue to leave the Rock grows still longer. Gibraltar officials weave between the cars encouraging drivers to complain and giving out the telephone numbers of the Spanish and British politicians whom they

It began with a spat over fishing rights. Gibraltar's Chief Minister, Peter Caruana, thought that he had settled

supported by Kellogg's, Iceland, Schering-Plough, SmithKline B

Families on both

sides say their livelihoods are under threat, reports Daniel

McGrory

fishing crews, but the Spanisb Foreign Minister, Abel Matutes, complained that this was his and Robin Cook's job. A little local difficulty then escalated into a revival of the conflict over the near 300-year British sovereignty of the Rock, and Spain made a point by tightening up its border controls.

Across the wire fence of no man's land, Gerry Monteverde, a complaints officer. makes an unladylike gesture to the diminutive Spanish Civil Guard causing the worst of the hold-up. "They want to starve us into submission and we feel bullied by Madrid and betrayed by London. They accuse everyone in Gibraltar of being drug dealers and tobacco smugglers. But all that happens on the Spanish side of the frontier, not ours," she says.

She points to a group of women in wearing baggy tracksuits, who are busy hiding cartons of cigarettes inside their clothing until they look like the Michelin mani They waddle through the customs post, waved on by a Spanish guard, to the town of La Linea

just 20 yards away. There a man with slickedback hair and wraparound sunglasses sits on a wall be-hind the customs shed, buying as many carrons of digareties as the women can carry. He of-fers bribes of pesels to a coachload of elderly britons to join his smuggling run. Sever-al stroll back across to the border kiosk where a packet of 20 costs less than 80p. Three minutes walk away, in Spain, it sells for more than E1.

Ms Monteverde says: "The Spanish guards ignore such flagrant smuggling and in-stead delay law-abiding workers and tourists on their Government's orders."

The procession of cigarette women continues night and day. More than 1,000 families in La Linea are said to rety on this cigarette smuggling for their only income.

Three thousand people from La Linea legally work on the Rock and are protesting to their own Government that the border restrictions threaten their livelihood. Francisco Manueles, a computer engineer, says he missed three ap-pointments because of the delays. "My Government is costing me money, and my Cibraltar customers will use someone on the Rock if this goes on."



A wait of four hours is common at the border, where Spanish guards conduct exhaustive checks on all travellers

Thirty people a week from La Linea are said to be losing their jobs in Gibraltar and many are having pay docked for arriving late. They are planning a demonstration on Wednesday which could bring

the border to a standstill. The Rock is suffering, too. Shops are deserted, offices close early and the 147 bars packed onto the 21/2 square miles complain that daytrippers are staying away in their

tier traffic jam. Alfred Duo. 72, can take no more. "I was born here, but I'm leaving Gibraltar for good because of the bloodymindedness of my Spanish neighbours, which is getting worse."

There is no shooting in this border skirmish, just obstructive pettiness. Drivers who do not carry a blanket in the boot in case of an accident, as required by Spanish law, may be turned back after waiting hours. Back in the traffic jam,

Ms Monteverde points to where the Gibraltar authorities installed cameras last week to broadcast the Spanish petulance live on the Internet.

Hours later the Spanish retaliated by stringing a 20ft sheet of green canvas between two trees to block the cameras. They plan a more permanent barrier made of aluminium.

"The Berlin Wall has gone but on this frontier of the new free Europe we will have the Aluminium Blockade," says Charles Collinson, the chief complaints officer, as drivers ask the reason for the delay.

One enterprising tour guide tried to profit from the dispute resterday. He went across the border to tempt tourists on the Costas to come to photograph the Rock's latest attraction -"stroppy Spanish cops causing Europe's worst traffic jam". They were ferried back and forth on motorscooters to beat the queue that Gibraltarians

fear is without end.

Minister urges Blair to get tough with Spain

By DANIEL MCGRORY

THE Chief Minister of Gibraltar. Peter Caruana, last night urged Tony Blair to "get tough" with Spain over the

border blockade. Mr Blair has arranged an Anglo-Spanish summit for April, but Mr Caruana said the Rock could not wait that loog. Tourism is already down to 20 per cent of what it should be. Who is going to come for a day trip from Spain when it can take seven hours to get across the bor-

The integrity of our finan-cial centre is being slurred by allegations that we are money launderers . . . the Foreign Office has applauded our stringent banking and financial laws, but this mud from Spain might stick."

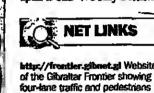
The language on both sides of the border is far from diplomatic. Mr Caruana blames the Spanish Foreign Minister. Abel Matutes, who he says is "a liar, a hypocrite and an eco-

nomic illiterate".

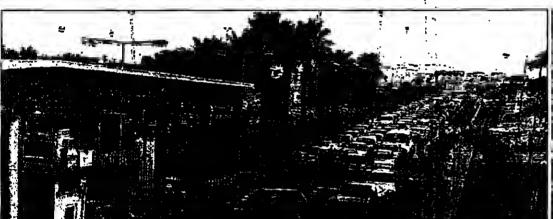
"He says we are parasites who should be eliminated. Language like that hasn't been used in Europe sinceNazi Germany."

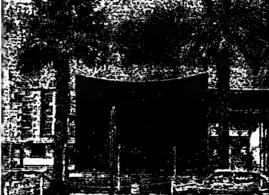
The dispute concerns proposals sent to Whitehall by Señor Matutes in December 1997 for a new sovereignty

There was a threat implied from Senor Matutes that if we didn't accept what he thought were very generous sovereignty proposals, there would be an aggressive campaign to bring us to our knees," Mr Caruana said. "I don't lose a minute's sleep thinking Tony Blair is going to give away Gibraltar but perhaps Señor Matutes thinks differently, so the Prime Minister should spell it out: 'We stay British'."



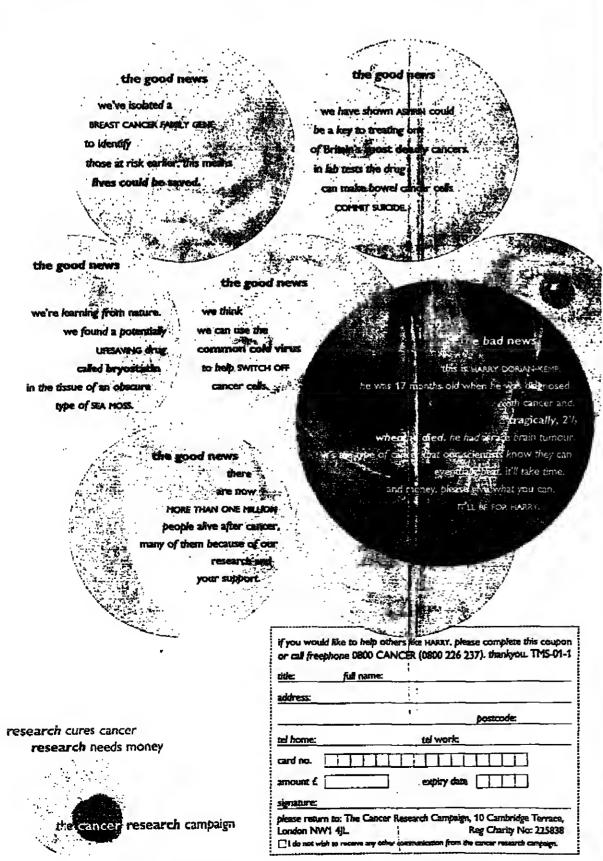
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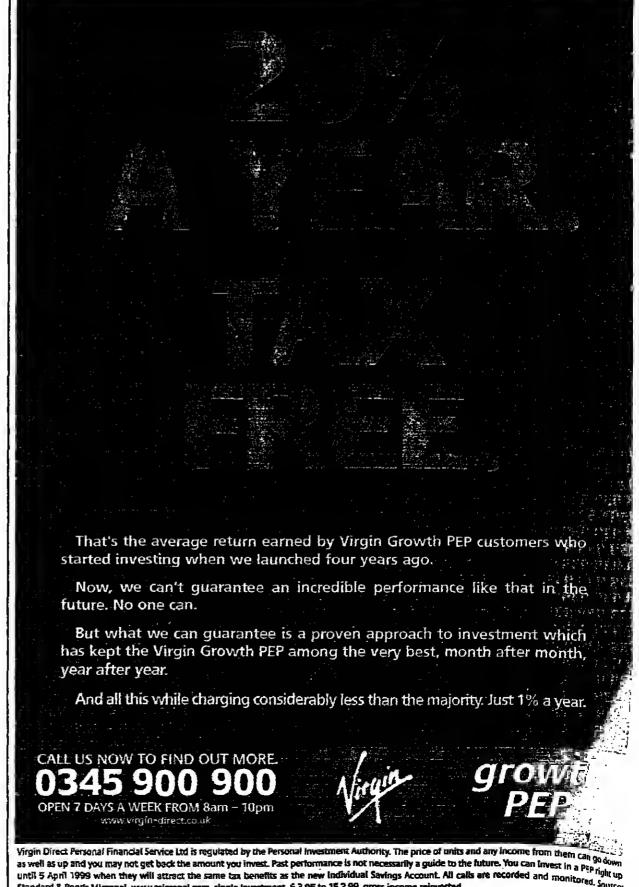




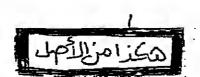


Gibraltar officials set up cameras to broadcast the source of the obstruction on the Internet, but the Spanish threw up a canvas screen. One business not affected by the dispute is the cross-border trade, in cigarettes





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Caught in the conservation net

Efforts to save spring salmon include a ban on coraclemen writes Simon de Bruxelles

THERE is one species more endangered than the occasional spring salmon that makes a daring foray up the River Tywi in South Wales.

The coracle fishermen, who for generations have plied the river in their ony cockle-shell boats, are the unintended vicrims of well-meaning but probably futile attempts to save the salmon. Just a dozen of the fishermen -- largely nocturnal creatures - are left on the Tywi, compared with more than 300 at the num of the century. Their main catch is the plentiful sea trout, but as their neis could also entangle the early salmon they have been caught in a nadonwide ban. The fishing season will start

today, but no one knows how long it will last. The Environment Agency wants to stop salmon fishing until June 1 to give stocks time to recover. As soon as Alun Michael, the Welsh Secretary, signs the will have to hang up their nets. With their season cut to two months and no hope of recouping the cost of their £400 annual fishing licence, a 2,000-yearold way of life will end.

Last week. Mike Elias, the leader of Wales's last 25 licensed coracle fishermen, carried his ony boat down to the Tywi for what he fears may be one of the last times. Mr Elias. 48, has been fishing the river since he was 12, as the men in his family have done for generations. By day he is an electrician, but every night during the season he is on the river. Anglers don't like the cora-



mercially, and the Environment Agency regards them as an economically irrelevant anachronism. Mr Elias's contention that the tradicion is a part of Welsh heritage that should be preserved fell on unsympathetic ears — the agency says that as the coraclemen fish at night there is linle chance of tourists seeing them.

The agency also objects to the fibreglass coracles fa-voured by some fishermen since a dam was built on the Tywi near Llandovery in 1968, lowering the level of the river and making it easier to run aground, and it says that their economic benefit to the region is insignificant. The agency does concede that there are very few early-run salmon in the Tywi - Mr Elias says that the coraclemen caught just five salmon last year, all of them summer fish.

The chain through which the ancient skills are handed down from one generation to the next is already being bro-ken. Peter Hopkins has refused all entreaties from his 15-year-old-son, Christopher, to teach him how to fish.

"f was born on the quayside



in Carmarthen with my finger in the river." he said. "The Tywi runs through my blood. I don't want this to get into my son like it has got into me and then to have it taken away

The agency issues just 12 licences for the Tywi, 12 for the Teifi and one for the Taf. Most of the coraclemen have day jobs and fish at night for catches that, if they are lucky, will

just cover their expenses. "I work during the day in or-der to be able to fish. No one could make a living out of it any more," Mr Elias said, "I remember when I used to go out with the old man and we would carry home 50 pounds of fish. Today you are doing very well if you catch ten pounds."

The coraclemen work in pairs, drifting downriver with their net strung out between them. At the end of each run they carry their coracles and their catch back to their starting point and begin again, ft is not unusual for them to walk 20 miles in a night with the lightweight boats strapped to their backs. Mr Elias never wears a lifejacket, despite the fact that his coracle is no bigger than a bathtub and made only of pitch-covered calico and split hazel. He can't swim, but years of experience have given him perfect balance.

"That's the way it's always been in my family. The old-timers used to tie the young ones to the seat of the coracle with a couple of feet of rope so if it turned over they knew where to find them," he said.

What particularly galls the fishermen is that the National Rivers Authority, the Environment Agency's predecessor was partly responsible for the dam that played a major part in the Tywi salmon's decline, The efforts of fish that manage to pass the dam and reach their spawning ground are wasted because runoff from conifer plantations has made the water too acidic for the fry to survive.

Last week's practice paddle could be the closest that Mr Elias gets to the river this season as he missed the January f licence application deadline. "ft is bureaucracy at its

best," he said. " This is the first year since records began in the f700s that there won't be an Elias on the river - and probably for long before that."

intel inside

Letting fish off the hook puts hoteliers in fear

By NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

HOTELS renowned for salmon fishing are bracing themselves for "substantial losses" this season with the arrival of rules requiring anglers to

throw fish back. The Environment Agency is proposing bylaws on English and Welsh rivers to conserve stock by banning live bait and making it mandatory to throw back fish migrating to spawn-ing grounds until June f6. As the season started today

on some of the great salmon rivers, such as the Torridge and Torr in Devon; the proposals were awaiting the attention of ministers, who are expected to confirm them soon. Hoteliers on prime fishing

rivers claim that the rules, which rob anglers of the thrill of hooking and eating a prized fish, will cause many regulars to forsake Britain for salmon-fishing holidays

ahroad. Countries such as Chile, Argentina and Norway are being heavily promoted as alternatives.

Up to a 100 hotels and their staff are likely to be affected by the bylaws. Philippa Hughes, who runs the Holme Chase Hotel on Dartmoor, said vesterday that the proposals were already putting fish-ermen off. "About 30 per cent of our business is during the fishing season, from May through to August," she said. At weekends, eight or nine of the hotel's 17 bedrooms would be occupied by anglers.

The indications are that this could be halved," Mrs Hughes said. Losses could amount to "tens of thousands

Charles Inniss, who owns the Half Moon Inn at Sheepwash, Devon, and ten miles of could back them, reject them the Torridge, said that the or call for a public inquiry.

plans were a catastrophe 'My season starts on March 1 and bookings are way, way

Mr Inniss, who is chairman of the local fisheries association, the Tor-Torridge Joint Consultative Committee, said that what angered it was the blanket way in which the Environment Agency had drawn up rules for all rivers irrespective of their different seasons and runs of fish. "We estimate they are taking away 60 per cent of our catch."

He said there were voluntary conservation rules on the Torridge, including a maxmimum catch of two fish per angler for part of the season. Guy Mawie, fisheries officer at the Environment Agency, said that the proposals were confidential. Ministers

NEWS IN BRIEF the figure that counts

Two thirds of the women who have breast enlargement or reduction, at a cost of up to £5,000, earn less than £25,000 a year, according to a survey by a cosmetic surgery group. The Harley Medical Group

said: "Cosmetic surgery is not these days for the frivotously rich and lavishly vain." The women wanted to look more "statistically normal" and to have figures that were in proportion, so that it was easier for them to find clothes in high-street stores that fitted. Most took some years to decide whether to have surgery.

School drug trip

Berkshire schoolchildren are to visit cannabis cafés in Amsterdam's red-light district as part of an education project to prevent drug abuse. The scheme, organised by Thames Valley Police, has angered some parents and teachers.

Oasis on Mars

Evidence of the whereabouts of water-bearing minerals on Mars has been found by astronomers using the Hubble space telescope. Regions containing rusted iron minerals such as haematite have also been located.

Victim named

A teenager whose body was found by a policeman in Northampton on Saturday has been named as Andrew Boyce, 18. Police disclosed that he had been beaten to death in his bedsit, and his body dragged out and dumped on waste ground.

Tubby triumph

The BBC has commissioned 105 more episodes of Tele-tubbies. Filming by Ragdoll Productions will begin in the spring at the company's outdoor set in Warwickshire for programmes that wilf be broadcast over three years.

Toad safety

A road in the Nottingham-shire village of Oxton will be closed for a month from today to let thousands of common toads cross safely from hiber-nation sites to breeding ponds. A third of the toads have been killed in previous years.

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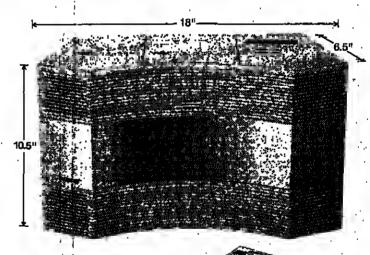
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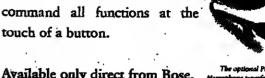
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Israelis hit back as top general in Lebanon killed

FROM NICHOLAS BLANFORD IN BELRUT

ISRAELI warplanes last night bombarded Hezbollah militia positions at Baalbek in eastern Lebanon after Israel's senior commander in south Lebanon was killed along with three others by a roadside bomb near the village of Kawkaba in the border zone occupied by the

Hezbollah guerrillas as well as Lebanese and Syrian troops retaliated with anti-aircraft fire, reports said. Israel was also bombarded from Lebanon by either rockets or mortars, military officials said.

Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, fighing an election battle dominated by security issues, ordered the attack in retaliation for the death of Brigadier-General Erez Gerstein.

General Gerstein, 38. was the most senior Israeli officer to be killed in Lebanon since

the 1982 invasion. His death. coming less than a week after three officers from an elite Israeli commando unit were killed in a Hezbollah ambush. has added to the climate of uncertainty in Lebanon during the period preceding the elections in May. Seven Israelis have been killed in the occupadon zone this year. Last year, 24 Israeli soldiers died and 100

were wounded. Hezbollah, the Shia Muslim group which spearheads ef-forts to oust the Israeli Army from the occupation zone, claimed responsibility for the latest ambush. This operanon confirms our determination to continue our struggle until we have liberated our land." Naim Qassem, Hezbollah's deputy secretary-general.

General Gerstein, two other soldiers and an Israeli journalist were killed when their convoy was targeted by the bomb ten miles north of the trontierwith Israel. The general's car

was destroyed. Just 25 minutes later, Hezbollah guerrillas detonated a second bomb along the same stretch of road as an Israeli military vehicle passed. The occupants were reported unhurt. General Gerstein's death

was greeted by jubilation among the Lebaness, but it re-newed fears that Mr Netan-yahu will repeat the actions of his predecessor. Shimon Peres, by unleashing a mili-tary offensive against Hezbol-lah to garner votes from the se-curity-conscious Israeli public.

In the run-up to the 1996 elecdons, Mr Peres launched the 16-day Grapes of Wrath air and artillery offensive in which 170 Lebance civilians



Binyamin Netanyahu on his arrival at Jordan's Royal Palace in Amman yesterday

Netanyahu anger Jordan with 'ally of Saddam' claim

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN AMMAN

THE Israeli Prime Minister. Binyamin Netanyahu, yesterday struggled to defuse a seri-ous crisis in relations with Jordan provoked by a speech in which he suggested that the Hashemite kingdom could again ally itself with Presi-dent Saddam Hussein of Iraq.

Mr Netanyahu's claim cast a shadow over his Amman talks yesterday with Jordan's new ruler, King Abdullah II - the first between the two since they spoke briefly at King Hussein's funeral. As Israeli officials mounted a damage control exercise after the speech provoked a furore in Jordan and among his politi-cal rivals in Israel, Mr Netan-yahu tried to dismiss the dispute as a "storm in a teacup".

Hard-pressed Israeli diplo-mats denied that the King's re-fusal to appear at a joint press conference with the Israeli eader was a snub. One Israeli official said that yesterday's appearance of Mr Netanyahu with Fayez Tarawneh, the Jordanian Prime Minister. was "a matter purely of protocol and the fact that the King

is still in the 40-day office

mourning period". Jordanian anger was refle ed by the Jordan Time which called Mr Netanyahu remarks a "gross misreprese". tation of historical fact, der onstrating once again Neta: yahu's complete lack of polit cal sophistication. The daipaper, one of Amman's mor moderate in its approach to the controversial 1994 Israel Jordan peace treaty, accuse him of "an inexcusable lack (

consideration' towards Joidan's mourning.
In the speech Mr Netany: hu reminded an Israeli university audience that the lat King had sided with Irac during the 1990 Gulf crisis and the war to ous Iraq troops from Kuwait launchec

Days earlier the new King had met the expected future ruler of Syria, Bashar Assad the son of President Assad and a leading Jordanian opposition member, Leith Shuberlat, had met Saddam. Both contacts were seen as omirious by Western diplomats.

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WORLD IN BRIEF

Italian 'prejudice' outrages lecturers

Rome: More than 1,000 British and other foreign lecturers who teach at Italian universities will today present European socialist leaders with evidence that Italy is "breaking European Union law" by discriminating against them "on grounds of nationality"

(Richard Owen writes). The lecturers are staging a two-day strike to coincide with a conference in Milan to co-ordinate campaign plans for the forthcoming European parliamentary elections. Those at the meeting will include Tony Blair, Gerhard Schröder, the German Chancellor and Lionel Jospin, the French Prime Minister.

Iraq says raid killed 3

Baghdad: Three Iraqis, including a child, were killed and several others were injured in US air raids on villages in the northern no-fly zone, an Iraqi military spokesman said. The US said in a statement earlier from Incirlik air base in Turkey that FISE fighter jets launched three air-to-ground missiles and dropped three laser-guided bombs on an Iraqi air defence head-quarters and radio relay site in the zone. (AFP)

Lusaka hit by blasts

ter six bombs exploded in and around the capital. A guard was killed by the blast at the Angolan Embassy. Bombs also exploded at the American International School and the headquarters of the electricity suppliers. "We are treading this as a security cri-sis." Vincent Malambo, Legal Affairs Minister, said. (Reuters)

Yeltsin back in hospital

Moscow: President Yeltsin was taken to hospital over the weekend in what has become a rourine occurrence (Arma Blundy writes). The ulter that first incapacitated him in January is soil bleeding, apparently because of too much activity by the President, and his doctor has recommended hospital observation and a decrease in Mr Yeltsin's already much-depleted workload.





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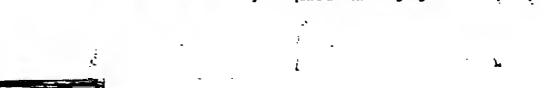
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Noor, beat up Anwar

Chief of police admits assault

By DAVID WATTS

MALAYSIA'S former police chief admitted through his lawyer at the inquiry yesterday into Anwar Ibrahim's injuries that he had beaten up the former Deputy Prime Minis-

The inquiry was told that Abdul Rahim Noor had "lost his cool" after Mr Anwar accused him of being the "father

of all dogs" and attacked him. The admission of the assault is another blow to the reputation of the Mahathir Government and its officers, and Mr Anwar's accusation of a conspiracy against him is gaining credibility among more and

more Malaysians.
Teh Poh Teik, Mr Noor's lawyer, said the former police chief had acted under great provocation. However, Mr Anwar denied giving any insult and said there had been no conversation between himself and the two officers who came to his cell after he was detained last September 20.

He was speaking at an in-quiry into allegations that he was beaten up after his arrest on charges of corruption and illegal sexual acts. The inquiry is being held separately from his trial on these charges.

Unusually, the hearing was held on a Sunday after the trial judge refused to adjourn hearings so that he might attend the inquity.

Nigeria poll rigged, claims loser

NIGERIA'S fragile transidon cy was in jeopardy yesterday after Olu Falae refused to ac-cept the victory of his oppo-nent for the presidency. General Olusegun Obasanjo, amid widespread allegation of vote

rigging.
Senior members of Mr Falae's All People's Party (APP) stormed out of the electoral commission offices and refused to continue participation in the counting process. The 1993 elections, which were won by Chief Moshood Abiola, were annulled by the then military leader. General Ibrahim Babangida who used Observers say Obasanjo victory should stand despite cheating, Sam Kiley reports from Lagos

squabbling between polio-cians as an excuse to stay in office himself. Results from 31 of the 36 states yesterday showed a lead for General Obasanjo of more than five million votes. "I said if General Obasanjo won a free and fair election I would congratulate him but clearly this is not a free and fair election," Mr Falae said in

his home town of Akure.

"The vote was completely

rigged," one of Mr Falae's aides said. "We have not had free and fair elections and Falae will contest this."

True to form, many Nigeri-ans could not resist the temptation to rig their own elections. Jimmy Carter, the former US President, and many other international observers across the county reported widespread irregularities. However, European Union in line with the will of the Nigerian people, despite wide-

spread fraud.
"We judge that the result of the election reflects the wishes of the Nigerian people, mark-ing the final and most important electoral stage in the transfer of power to a democratically elected civilian govern-ment," the EU monitors said in a statement.

However, the level of cheat-

ing appeared to be equally bal-anced between General Obasanjo's supporters and those of

International approval for the elections is essential to Ni-

geria which had been economi-cally cappled by 28 years of corrupt military rule out of the 38 since independence from

Mainly Western donors have prepared a \$1.5 billion (£900 million) rescue package for the world; sixth-largest oil producer which is unable to refine enough of its high-grade crude for domestic use because the military has deliberately run down refineries and profiled from imported

products. Fuel queues lasting for days choke Lagos, Nigeria's largest city. In Abuja, the newly-built inland capital, senior civil seruants have to buy their petrol on the black market. General Obasanjo has

pledged to "make Nigeria great again" but he faces a Herculean task in ridding the country of corruption and attracting new investment.

General Obasanjo, 61, Baptist, did best in the north of the country where the mainly Muslim Hausa-Fulani tribes have traditionally feared a power shift to the South, the general's Yoruba heartland, where he polled the least votes. Mr Falae is also a Yoruba.

The choice of both men as contestants for Nigeria's ulo-mate political prize was regarded as a means to reduce tensions between the north

and south. The general has two months to form a Cabinet before being sworn in by the outgoing military leader. General Abdusa-laam Abubakar, on May 29. He said that his priorities

would be to stamp out corrup-

tion and bring economic growth to Nigeria. But Nigerians have heard it all before. Picking through rubbish in Lagos, Ben Oluwolale, a beg-gar, shrugged his shoulders. "What will democracy ever mean to me? I am nothing, we



FROM DAVID WATTS IN SYDNEY

forces

THE Australian Army is turfing out tubby troops who it says are too fat to fight. Under a policy to weed out weaklings, almost 700 officers and other ranks- some of them women — are packing their kit-

bags for civvy street.
They failed to meet the army's requirement that they must be able to run 1.5 miles in less than 12 minutes; pass a shooting test every year: be ready to travel overseas within 30 days and be medically fit with a good set of teeth.

In the first year of the new rules, five officers and 42 soldiers were shown the door. Another 40 officers, including five senior lieutenant-colonels and 607 other ranks, have been given notice of discharge.

The revelation comes in the week Australia lost one of the few remaining legendary dig-gers who created the army's reputation at Gallipoli, a reputation for toughness reinforced in Vietnam hut which appears to have slipped despite involvement in more post-Second World War conflicts than Britain.



Refugees flee Indonesia island riots

Ambon: Some 1,300 people fled this riot-torn Indonesian city yesterday amid mounting tensions following the explosion of a homemade bomh

late on Saturday.

A local journalist said there were no immediate reports of casualties

in Saturday night's bomb explusion at the town of Ahuru. "Many houses, churches and mosques were burnt but we cannot confirm the numbers yet," he said.

Homemade explosives have been used frequently in recent clashes between Muslims and Christians in Indonesia's eastern spice islands. More than 160 people died in savage rioting in January and another flare-up has killed at least 24 in the

Refugees in Ambon scramble on to a Jakarta-bound vessel while, above left, Indonesian soldiers help a baby to board the ship

Meanwhile, people jammed Am-

bon's port in an attempt to flee the city, which is 1,440 miles east of the capital. There are about 1,300 people at Ambon's port rushing to board a ship heading for Jakarta,"

said a witness. "I am scared of being killed. I am also worried for my family's safety." one man said.

Indonesia has been racked by waves of ethnic and religious unrest over the past year, fuelled by the country's worst economic crisis in

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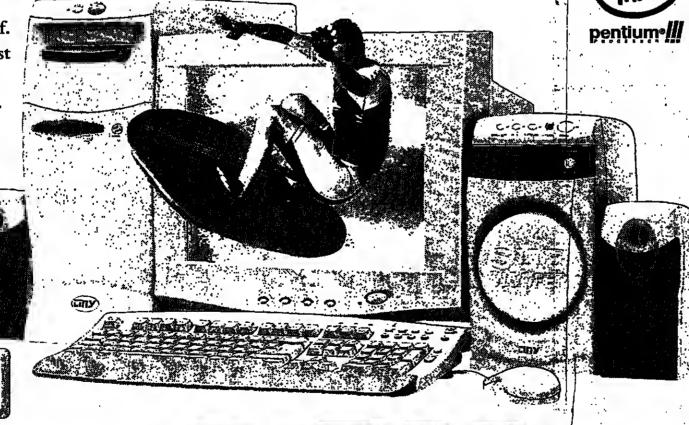
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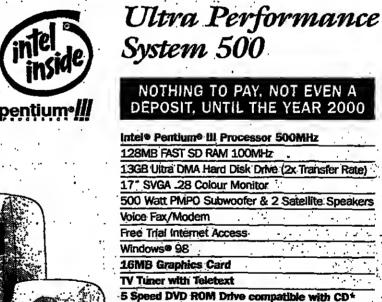
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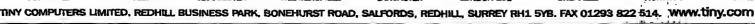
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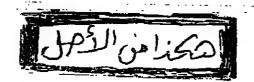
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Ethiopia claims victory in border dispute

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE United Nations Security WITH tensions mounting in Council called at the weekend for an immediate halt to the fighting between Ethiopia and Entrea amid fears that the newly landlocked Ethiopians would try to reclaim Red Sea ports ceded to their smaller neighbour when it gained inde-China's Prime Minister.

pendence in 1993. The Ethiopian Government declared "total victory" yester-day in the eight-month border conflict, after its troops recaprured the disputed 120-squaremile Badme plain. Eritrea said, however, that there was a fresh Ethiopian assault along the 60-mile front and UN officials expressed concern that Ethiopia might try to press on to the coast.

The rulers of the two countries were long-time allies in the civil war against the Ethiopian dictator. Mengistu Haile Mariam, whom they ousted in 1991. When Eritrea gained independence two years later, the two states were hailed as leaders of an "African Renaissance". A bitter rivalry developed, however, when Entrea established its own currency. the nafka, in 1997 to replace the Ethiopian birr.

The deterioration in relations meant that Ethiopia was no longer able to trade through its former ports of Massawa and Assab, rendering it dependent on neighbouring Djibouti for access to the Red Sea. A full-scale war broke out last May when Erit-rea seized Badme, an area on the border which was populated by ethnic Eritreans but under Ethiopian administration and was not demarcated.

Shunle diplomacy by envoys from the United States and the UN failed to defuse the conflict, as Eritrea rejected a peace plan put forward by the Organisation of African Unity calling for its withdrawal. Ethiopia's crushing victory on Friday prompted Eritrea to reverse course and hurriedly accept the OAU plan in what diplomats took as a sign that the Eritrean Government feared that Ethiopia would seize more land.

Albright talks tough as China relations sour

Sino-American relations, Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, and her Chinese hosts will engage in tough talking today, setting the scene for next month's first official visit to Washington of Zhu Rongji.

Fresh from her failure to push through a Kosovo agreement, Ms Albright adknowledged to a congressional committee, before leaving for two days in Beijing where she arrived last night, that "sharp differences" have emerged with China since the high water mark of President Clinton's visit eight months ago. Indeed. that deteriorating relacionship is considered a prime reason why Mr Clinton has been unable to find a high-profile replacement Ambassador for Bejing when James Sasser

leaves in May. "Let me stress." said Ms Albright, in defence of Washington policy. "that in our deal-

ings with China, engagement is not endorsement. There is supposed to be a "strategic partnership" between the two nations, but this fuzzy phrase cannot disguise the triple blow that Washington delivered to China last week.

First there was the decision to deny the sale of a US-made satellite to China for a mobile phone network that, according to the Pentagon, would also have helped the Chinese to make their intercontinental missiles more accurate. The second was a Pentagon report on China's missile build-up opposite Taiwan, and the third, a stiff rebuke to China over its human rights record.

The State Department's an-nual report — which angered the Chinese - described crackdowns against organised political opposition and accused China of extra-judicial killings, torture and maltreatment of prisoners, forced confessions and arbitrary arrests.



Ms Albright is met by Lu Xumin, a Chinese official

To make matters worse, the crackdown on dissidents continued in the run-up to the Albright visit, prompting the Senate to call on the Administration, with a 99-0 vote on Thursday, to promote an anti-China resolution at this month's United Nations Human Rights Commission meeting in

The resolution underlined that the Administration is under enormous domestic pressure not to pull its punches on China, despite concerns at the damage such criticism can do to other US interests such as trade and the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons.

Non-government Chinese experts in Washington suspect that Mr Clinton and Ms Albright have left relations with Beijing on auto-pilot between visits, unaware that they were swerving off-course. There seems scant understanding that the end of the Cold War has made the Chinese more distrustful of America, especially those in power who remember that Henry Kissinger and his successors co-opted them to gang up on the Soviet Union. Using this argument, Chinese leaders can advance the notion that they are Washington's targets now.

Other issues loom large, including America's \$57 billion trade deficit with Beijing: US plans to develop a missile defence system to protect its Asian allies: and Congressional allegations that China may have obtained access to US technology to improve missiles and nuclear weapons.



The Rev Henry Lyons, flanked by his lawyers, listens to the guilty verdicts in his Florida fraud trial

Church leaderer fails to find a friend in Jesus

THE leader of America's largest black religious organisation, who used to punc-tuate his sermons on sin with cries of "I'm doing some preaching now. walked from court without a word after being found guilty of swindles running to

millions of dollars.

Henry Lyons. 57, faces up
to eight years in prison but
he refused to resign as president of National Baptist Convention USA. Rather, said a defence lawyer, he was go-ing home to pray at his church in St Petersburg, Florida, where he is still pastor.

The guilty verdict by the all-white jury in Largo, Florida, ended a career of sex. flamboyance and deceit conducted under the cloak of God's oame.

Lyons was convicted of racketeering by helping himself to more than \$4 million (£2.5 million) from corporations wanting to sell cemetery plots, life insurance and credit cards to his national membership, which he claimed to be 8.5 million strong. In fact, said the prosecution, it was closer to one millioo.

Bernice Edwards, 42. his organisation's public relations director and his suspected mistress, was cleared of racketeering. It was the alleged affair

that led to Lyons being caught. His enraged wife Deborah set fire to a luxurious waterfront home that he had bought with Ms Edwards.

The episode prompted a police investigation that uncovered an extravagant spending spree by Lyons, Including a timeshare flat in Nevada, several luxury cars,

Ian Brodie in Washington on Baptist preacher found guilty of \$4 million fraud

mond ring "the size of a dime". He was alleged to have lavished gifts on several mistresses

Meanwhile. Lyons was duping the companies seeking his membership list by sending them names from computerised tele-

phone directories.

This scam led to leners being sent such non-Baptists as a grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan and a Catholic

Lyons denied the charges throughout. Even as damning documentary evidence piled up, he and his lawyers constantly predicted that God would deliver him. When the jury retired to

consider its verdict. Lyons and Ms Edwards who denied having an affair with him, joined hands with others outside the court to sing: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus".

A supporter, the Rev Charles Embery, led the group in prayer, asking God to help the jury come to the right" verdict. But after 12 hours of delib-

eration, the five women and one man said they found the evidence against Lyons compelling. And he still faces a federal trial on 54 counts of tax evasion, money laundering and extortion.

Voyeurs of the world braced for revelation of the full Monica

BY IAN BRODIE

THE week of the full Monica Lewinsky treatment opened yesterday with assorted leaks, including an admission that she ignored her mother's advice to end her affair with President Clinton.

A well-orchestrated media blitz on both sides of the Atlantic will see Ms _ ence approaching Super-Bowl pro-

Lewinsky telling her, side of the story on television, as well as the release of her book written with Andrew Morton, newspaper serialisations and more interviews. The first interview will be on Wednesday in America on ABC, when Ms Lewin-sky will admit to Barbara Walters and, the network hopes, an audi-

portions - that her relationship with Mr Clinton was an emotional roller coaster and that she became depressed as it disintegrated.

She was extremely fragile by the

time Kenneth Starr's prosecutors found her, Ms Walters told Newsweek, and they "pushed her over the top", making her feel desperate. Easlier. Ms Lewinsky's mother. Marcia

Lewis, had tried to persuade her to end the relationship. Ms Lewinsky admits that her stubbornness kept her from heeding the advice.

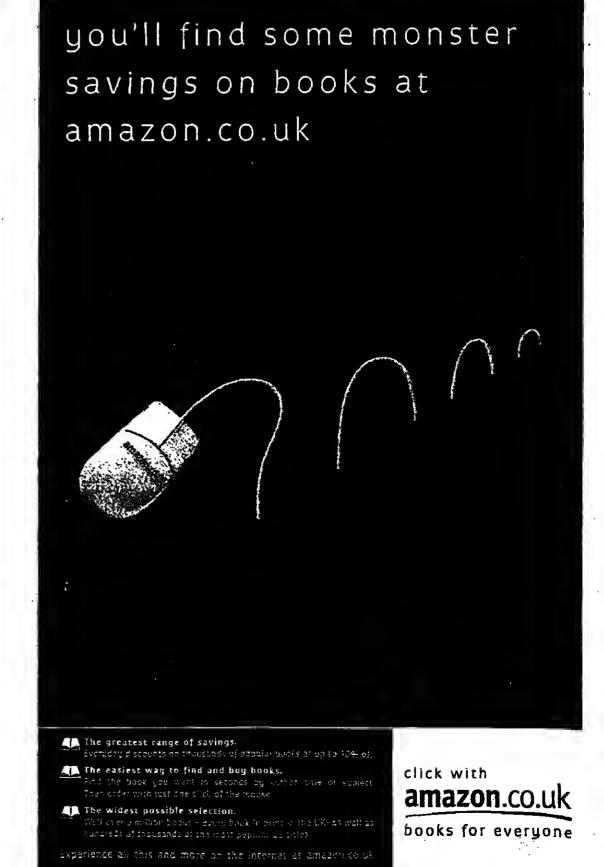
Ms Lewinsky says she believes that, at the start of the affair, Mr Clinton was genuinely remorseful. Now, she says, the man she sees on television is all politician, sorry only that he got caught. Ms Lewinsky ex-

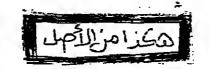
plains how prosecutors came to know about the infamous cigar escapade. She had described the incident to friends who were then called before the Grand Jury, so by the time she made her appearance the

jurors knew all the salacious details. Ms Lewinsky found that, of all the things written about her, comments about her weight hurt her the most. But she kept her sense of humour, repeating a joke about herself to Ms Walters that was considered too bawdy to broadcast.

Ms Lewinsky makes a public apology to the American people. Asked if she is still in love with the President. she says no, but there have been times when she feels "kind of warm"







ebels mark birth of Balkan conflict

FROM ANTHONY LOYD IN LIKOSANE, KOSOVO

A COMMEMORATIVE service on a mud-slick plateau out-side the village of Likosane yesterday marked the first anniverary of the Kosovo war's

About 3.000 ethnic Albani ans gathered beside the graves of 25 of their number slain there a year ago. Except for the cononuous buzzing of a Serb observation plane flying overhead and the tedious speeches of Kosovo Liberacon Army commanders competing with the whine of feedback from a faulty speaker system, the scene was strangely silent; the crowd, familiar now with the depredations of conflict, was subdued and seemingly drained of emotion.

The skies on February 28 last year were the same blue. the ground the same snow-scabbed mud of spring thaw. But war was alien then. So, as they went about their business that day nobody in Likosane, a farming community 25 miles north-west of Pristina, could have andcipated what was to

On the eastern side of the village, caught between fields and a track junction, grows a legendary oak tree. Two hundred years ago, according to the village elders, the shoots from six acorns entwined together as they grew.

As a sapling, the oak was protected from livestock by the villagers, who watched it grow over the years into six equal trunks from one root. The tree was known as the Six Brothers; the latest phase in the death of Yugoslavia - six republics previously linked by the brotherhood and unity of Tito-era communism - started beneath the Six Brothers.

Last year, when the KLA was little more than a myth, a group of armed guerrillas drove past the oak. As they did so. Serb police hiding in a farmhouse sprung an am-bush. One of the KLA men. Sabit Lladrovci, was hit His companion, Rasim Kecina, fired at a police vehicle with a machine-gun. Two policemen died. The war had started.

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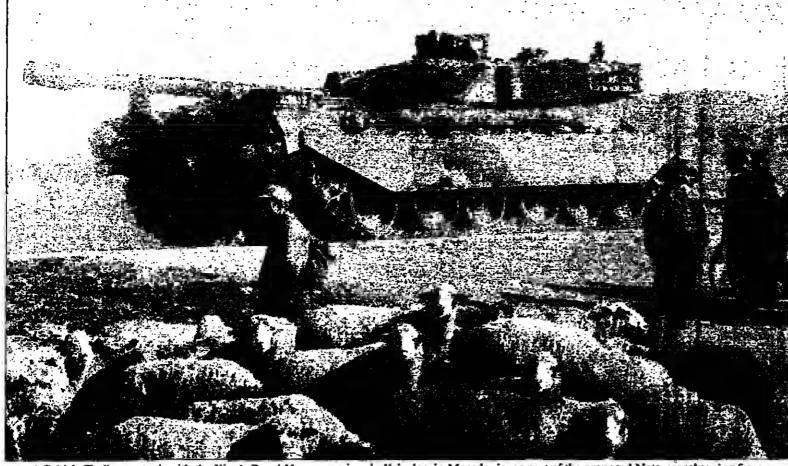
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Kosovo peace recedes as Serbs mass on border

Albanian delegates to the first peace conference at Rambouil-

let, Jakup Krasniqi, the KLA spokesman, and Ram Buja,

the group's political adviser.

Mr Krasniqi said the 'will of

the people had to be ex-

pressed. Mr Donnelly told

them that an Albanian signa-

ture at the next phase of talks.

on March 15 at Evreux in Nor-

mandy, would increase pres-

sure on Belgrade to come to an

But Western military advis-

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SERB forces massed in their thousands in and around Kosovo yesterday as the province was engulfed in new fighting that threatens to shatter the fragile peace process.

Western military advisers said there were now more troops in Kosovo than at any time last year, and feared that Belgrade might be about to partition the province.

Brian Donnelly, the British Ambassador to Belgrade, yes-terday urged the Yugoslav Army and Serb police to rein

Meeting Kosovo Liberation Army leaders at one of their central headquarters in the village of Ladrovac, Mr Donnelly said he hoped Belgrade could control the thousands of security troops now deployed around the province in breach of the October ceasefire rules.

The ethnic Albanians, he

Envoy calls for restraint as fears grow of plans to partition province, writes Tom Walker in Belgrade

said, had to be given the chance to understand the Contact Group peace proposal. But as his Range Rover ploughed through the snow and mud of the Drenica region there were reports of hostage-taking, attacks on police stations and Yugoslav Army units taking up positions along the southern and northern borders of the province.

"I can confirm fighting and shooting," said Beatrice Lacoste, a spokeswoman for the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe observer mission in Pristina, Kosovo's capital.

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"benign environment" are little more than a pipe dream.

The planners are barking mad and I've told them so," said one of the most experi-enced advisers in the province. The Yugoslav generals will have to fight." He described the new Yugoslav Army hierarchy as being almost entirely obedient to President Milosevic's wishes.

On Saturday French moni-tors counted 71 shells landing near the village of Bukos, which has now been besieged by the Yugoslav Army for five days in what Belgrade has cynically called "a winter exer-

The special interior ministry police units that will have to leave Kosovo altogether under the Contact Group plan were also poised for action last night, as they joined the Yugo slav army in chasing the KLA

and up to 3,000 new refugees south from the town of Kacinik, on the road south to Macedonia. Earlier the KLA had fired on the police station there, killing one officer and injuring four others.

The police were also preparing an offensive against KLA villages near the town of Orahovac, where two Serbs were kidnapped on Saturday. As British monitors persuaded the police to hold off their attack, two bodies were found dumped on the main road south of Orahovac. They were not thought to be those of the

Serbs, whom the KLA hinted they were still holding. Mr Donnelly warned that he suspected there "were still some quarters" in Belgrade where it was believed the KLA -could be eliminated.

New wave of skiers arrive as Tyrol mourns

FROM ROGER BOYES IN INNSBRUCK

CHURCH bells rang out the length and breadth of Austria yesterday as the country mourned the 38 victims of the worst Alpine avalanche for several decades. The coffins of the victims - the last, a 14-yearold German girl, was dug out of a wrecked cellar on Saturday -- were lined up in the St Wilten monastery chapel outside Innsbruck

Tears streaked the faces of relatives, many of whom survived the disaster as snow raced down the mountainside last week at speeds of up to



Relatives of victims at

190 mph to engulf Galtur in the Tyrol. Others, such as the mother of two young boys killed in the avalanche, were

too distraught to attend. The service was attended by Viktor Klima, the Austrian Prime Minister, who declared yesterday a day of mourning, Manfred Stolpe, the Prime Minister of Brandenburg who was representing the 2l Ger-man victims, and Swiss goverranent officials.

Several hundred tourists nevertheless arrived in the Tyrol yesterday, anxious to make use of the deep snow and emppistes. The authorities who had cleared many of the main approach roads in western Austria at the weekend denied that they had done so to encourage new tourists. Hoteliers, most of them heavily in debt; had been anxious that nobody would want to come to the Paznaun valley.

The village of Galtur was opened at the weekend for the first time in a week and the full scope of the damage could be studied by reporters.
"We are still under shock,"

said the local innkeeper Siegmund Wolfhard, sobbing qui etly as he made a bonfire of destroyed timber.

But four-year-old Alexander Walter, who was found under the snow almost two hours after being hit by the avalanche in Valzur, was yesterday said to be playing with toy helicop-ters in his hospital bed, on his way to a complete recovery.

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Schröder's strategy fails the EU test

week, are danger-ous. So too, are summits for untried politicians working with clumsy sherpas. Ger-hard Schröder, in his first real test as a European lead-er, fumbled his way through a complicated brief at the informal EU summit last Friday and left people wonder-ing whether he will ever quite gain the stature of Hel-

The weekend reviews of the Chancellors performance - in the German, British, French and Italian press - were poor, even if France and Spain were sometimes identified as the "real" prob-lem. In Germany, the Chan-cellor's smiling appearance on prime-time talk and quiz shows was contrasted unfavourably with his uncertain touch with fellow European

I think that the Chancellor is being too barshly judged at home. It was never going to be easy to rule with the Greens, and his own Social Democrats have always been uneasy in power. Herr Schröder's skills, honed as Prime Minister of a Red-Green regional government in Lower Saxony, are tactical rather than strategic. He has led two great retreats in his first 100 days of government — edging away from Green plans to scrap nuclear waste recycling contracts, and showing himself respon-sive to public discontent about proposed changes to the nationality laws. Yet in both cases he managed to present his U-turns as a defeat for the Greens.

The Chancelior's technique, applied against his rival. Oskar Lafontaine, and the Green Environment Minister, Jürgen Trittan, is to let troublesome Cabinet ministers over-extend themselves and then suddenly take a quick step backwards. Public outcry is directed at the errant politicians while the Chancellor, whose popu-larity ratings remain high, is seen as the man who listens to the people.

The medium-term strategy is to shed the Greens as a partner and lead a grand coalition, either with the debilitated and suitably grateful Christian Democrats, or with the tiny Free Demogun — the Government is having to deal with both parties since it has just lost its overall majority in the upper house, the Bundesrat. Where, one might ask, is

the meat in the sandwich? According to the official line, the theme of this GovINSIDE GERMANY

erument is the war on unemployment. Cutting the number on the dole by half a million is the undeclared goal by the next election in 2002. The next governing term, preferably with a different partner, would be dedicated to the thorough-going modernisation of German society. There are still well over four million unemployed and little progress has been made since the general election last autumn. The Chancellor managed to bring employers and unions together last week for the first session of an "alliance for jobs". This demonstrated a Schröder strength - to bring warring sides together and act as a kind of anchor

The German leader took a similar approach to European policy and it was in this spirit that he chaired the summit high up in Petersberg overlooking the Rhine. After a day's hard slog on Agenda 2000, he understood at last that the tricks of domestic political management cannot be applied to the European

It is still possible that some kind of European financing deal will be struck in Berlin at the end of this month. But the Chancellor needs to grasp some of the fundamentals. First, if Germany wants to play a lead-ing role in Europe, it has to pay for it. Germany will always be the chief paymaster of Europe - that is the es-sence of its power, if it pays less (and makes a big issueout of paying less) its power will diminish accordingly. Second, it cannot have an open confrontation with France and win (at least off

the battlefield).
Herr Kohl understood his francophile sherpa Joachim Bitterlich, was to find ways in which the French could privately surrender positions and yet not lose face. Herr Schröder's foreign policy adviser, Michael Steiner, has not yet mastered this technique.

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Surrey's own Oskar Schindler

In a quiet corner of Guildford lives Henk Huffener, an embarrassed hero who saved dozens of Jews from the Nazis. Interview by Grace Bradberry

house, off the Guildford-Dorking road, is not merely in the Surrey stockbroker bett - it is at its very buckle. He has lived here for 40 years, and although various artisoc types have beaten a path to his door this friends include sculptors, photogra-phers and writers), no one in the village has taken much

"If anything, people have ignored me," he says, in his clipped Dutch accent. "I'm foreign. I don't belong to the stockbrokers" club." And who would great this 76 was ald brokers' club." And who would expect this 76-year-old man, with a wedge of grey hair sticking out beneath a bald pate, to have anything remarkable to say? But his neighbours have just received a jolt from the local papers. Huffener, it transpires, Has A Past, "I don't want to go out any more. It's ridiculous," he says, waving a hand irritably.

You might surmise from this that he is one of those benign old men who nirns out to be a former Nazi. In fact, he is that more remarkable character, a hidden hero. From 1941 to 1945, Huffener saved dozens, if not hundreds, of lives. He spied on German troop movements. helped to secure an escape route to Switzerland, evacu-

ated a kibbutz and hid numerous families in safe houses, even finding a place for a girl with Down's syndrome. He was imprisoned in a slave labour camp, escaped, carried on.

Last month Huffener, a reored anoques dealer and qualified psychologist, travelled to the Israeli Embassy in London, accompanied by his wife Margaret and 50 friends and relatives. He became only the 13th British citizen to be honoured with Yad Vashem's Righteous Among The Nations" award. He felt, he says, "virtual embarrassment" the medal has joined his Dutch Resistance Cross, worn

cluttered basement. His story begins in 1941, in an isolated house in a wood outside Bildhoven. This was the home of the Huffeners father (an engineer), stepmother and seven children. They were a cultured, sociable fami-"We were right in the sticks. That's important - no one overlooked us." When

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Huffener's father began holding Resistance meedings at the house, there was no one to see. My father was an incredibly kind. brave person. He never showed any anxiety at all."

The rest of his family seems

to have inherited this tempera-ment. Huffener's sister Ann about a mile from the family home, that was a crucial staging post on an escape route used to smuggle Allied pilots, diplomats and Jews, first to Switzerland, then to Spain. Huffener was involved in this work. His younger brother, Joep, made friends with a doctor who was transmitting messages to London, and Huffener provided the doctor with information about German troop looked 14 and 1'd chat to the soldiers. I'd be cheerful and gormless and say gosh, are you real-ly going in that direction?" The Germans eventually detected the doctor's aerial and

stormed his house. They caught him red-handed; he was 'You can't taken away and shot. That was the end of my spying," says Huffener. Despite its grim

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conclusion, this was to be only the first of Henk's Resistance exploits. A friend of his. Paul Koning - later a successful sculptor introduced Huffener to Loekie Metz. a young Jew-

ish woman who was staying at a German Zionist kibbutz near Loosdrecht. "In March 1942 a tip came that they had less than a month to fold up the kihhutz and get out. The Germans were very fond of the idea of 'way folk', as they were then called - young people going up country, hikers and bikers." So Huffener and others would go unnoticed as they cycled through the countryside, accompanied by one or two members of the kibbutz. It was an audacious and dangerous mission. On one occasion he was stopped by Ger-man soldiers while escorting an obviously Jewish-looking girl who spoke no Durch. He Germans that they must be off or they would be in trouble with their parents, and got away With it.

The naivety of some of those he saved now seems extraordinary. Huffener visited the same girl's parents in a hleak Jewish district of Amsterdam. The father produced a black velvet cushion displaying a

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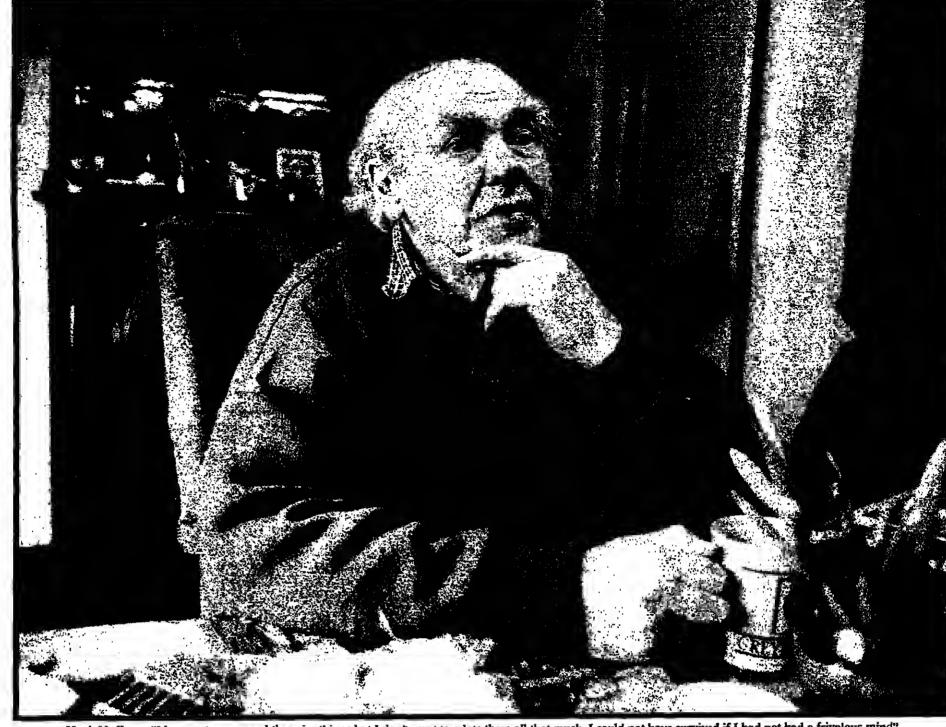
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Henk Huffener. "I have not suppressed the grim things but I don't want to relate them all that much. I could not have survived if I had not had a frivolous mind"

medal. "He said That is an fron Cross First Class. I am exempted from deportation'. But I said 'Don't believe them'." His plea went unheeded. In all, 110,000 Jews regis-

tered with the Jewish Council and obeyed the instruction to move to the ghettos.

Those who went into hiding needed constant support. "In Anne Frank's story you never hear about the people who susout. He became one of those people, moving about the country, never giving his full name, establishing a false address and carrying false papers.

In 1943 he was arrested

while making a trip to Arnhem, where some of the kibbutz residents were hidden in a warehouse. He was charged with minor offences - not having an appropriate travel docu-ment and not having registered for work or study - and was questioned at Gestapo headquarters. He sat in the cells for two months. "I got very nervous because 1 thought somebody would twig. My last scene of crime. the warehouse, was only 300

yards away."
Finally he was sent to a slave labour camp in Germany, where he endured 16-hour shifts, inadequate food and poor sanitation. Through resourcefulness, he talked his way first into a skilled job, then an office posioon, before wangling canteen lunches, wages and, ulomate-

ly, a leave permit.

He still has it — a piece of A5 paper, patterned like a driving licence, with the words "until further notice" audaciously typed by Huffener himself. There is a stamp from the local police station, where he endured a 20-minute wait before officials finally gave up trying to check his story. He arrived back in Holland

to discover that the SS had got hold of his name and had raided his father's home. He moved to Amsterdam and looked up a cousin whose husband was a land agent. Huffener was given access to empty properties and lived in one, hiding Jewish people in the others.

"I trotted around Amsterdam, very much a wanted person, and every ome I'm stopped by the police, I say I've got this pass'. That paper saved my life right through to the end of the war."

Huffener's most extraordinary achievement, perhaps, was to save an entire extended family. Before his imprisonment, while he was still in Amhem, a friend approached him about an old couple who owned a soft-furnishings company. They had two daughters, one with Down's syndrome. Through his sister Ann. Huffener found a psychiarrist who would look after the girl in an insotudon. He took her across Holland first on the





The Huffener family's isolated home near Bildhover

train, then on the back of his bike. "We sailed up the drive, the girl screeching with joy because she'd never had a ride on the back of a bike before." Next he had to look after the couple's other daughter, who had moved to Arnhem with He seems reluctant to her husband. "I was told They

meant to be. The son-in-law is sining on the balcony with a fag and a newspaper, and the neighbours have seen. They have a four-month-old baby screaming at night. It's a matter of a week or two and they will drag him out'." e knew that he

are in a flat where they are not

could hide the couple - but not with their Through his sister, he found a foster home for the child. "I went to this couple and said You can't stay here. I'm asking you to let the baby come with me'. It was a very tearful scene." Finally, they agreed. In 1945 the family were re-

united. "All three generations came back. Absolutely marvellous." The young couple moved to Israel and, although they sometimes visited Eng-land and knew Huffener's address, they never visited him. "I can understand." he says. "f wasn't all that popular with them, having wrenched their child away. There was an aspect of embarrassment about it. What are you supposed to do? Say thanks? You don't do it for thanks."

So why did he do it? Why risk death to save strangers when so many others did not? "I had Jewish friends," he begins. "It's difficult to say. I'm probably a bit odd in that f love cultural diversity..."

acknowledge his courage: "I've not suppressed the grim things, but I don't want to recouldn't have survived if hadn't got a frivolous mind." He drifts into another anec-

dote. He has just moved to Amsterdam and has not yet found the land agent cousin with the spare houses. Instead he is in a grim flat, on the edge of a ghetto, sheltering with an old Jewish couple who have decided that they want to die. "A great troop of Germans come over the wooden bridge and spread out over the street. They start shouting 'Everybody downstairs with your bundles. We're on the second floor. Beneath us is a West Indian man playing his saxophone. They go up the stairs, smashing the door. He comes out in his pyjamas. They shout at the guy 'Juden, Juden'. He says 'I'm not a Jew'. They say 'No, we know, you're a nigger. He assures them that there is nobody upstairs and they turn and go downstairs." So the old Jewish couple,

ask, did they decide they wanted to live after all? "No," says Huffener shortly. They killed themselves that night with cya

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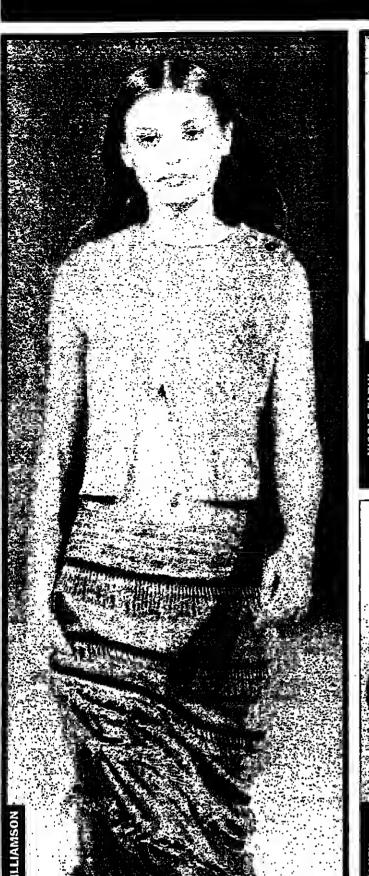
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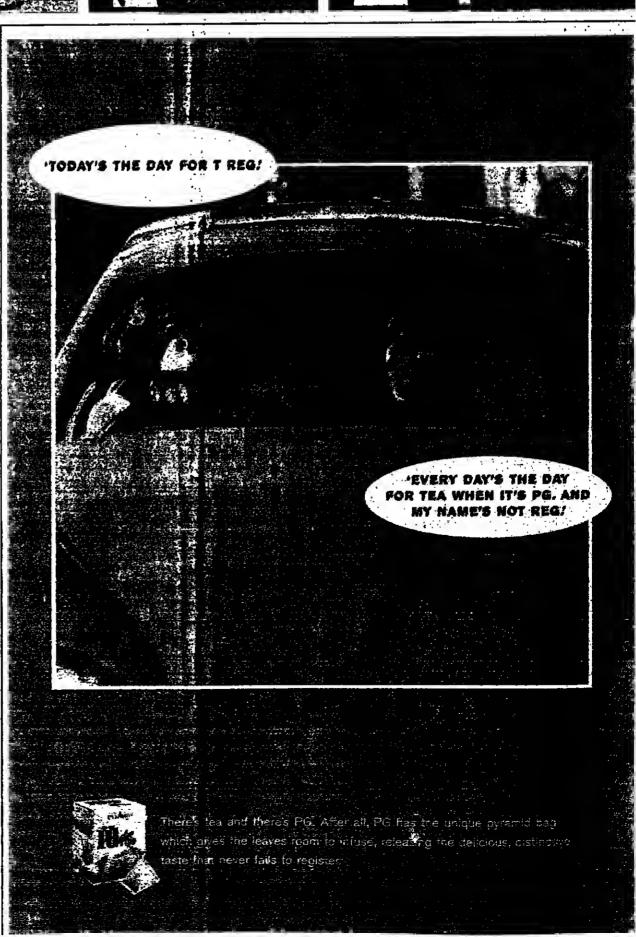
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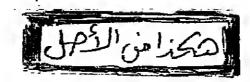
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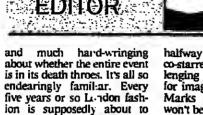
At last: clothes you can wear

t was the high-pitched squeal emanating from the depths of a scrum at-Hussein Chalayan's show last Wednesday that reminded one of the good old days of London. "No. you cannot sit there on the floor blocking the stage," screeched the voice, with all the authority of a castrato teenager trying to impose order at a party held while parents are away.

Too late. Chaos reigned, in direct contrast to the beautiful Zen-like collection that eventually appeared to a soundtrack resembling a 12in remix of a nuezzin's call. The central-heating system had collapsed, the vodka flowed, and deeply groovy people with most of their hair missing mingled with high-powered American fashion editors with most of their pantyhose missing (both sects have an awe-inspiring dedication to The Look).

And then it was on to the fabulously happening Vision-naire party at Harvey Nichols to celebrate the latest issue of the world's most fashionable magazine. This was the fashion world casting pashntinas and cares to the wind; plenty of celebrities, pole dancers and exotic Dai Rees headwear tand that was just the waiters) and not a glimpse of the product. The usual fashion scenario, in other words, except that no one from Oasis got into a fight this time, unlike the unseemly tangle at Tonuny Hilliger's shop opening the previous night.

That was London: shows that were lovely, but you couldn't see much because of the dry ice or the dark; parties



meet its Maker. Someone cries wolf. It was dangerously fash-ionable, so inevitably it had to take a dip. The uncertainty about Alexander McQueen - will-he/ won't-he show in New York next time? - didn't help. He is going for one season, apparently, so that he can reach more customers in the United States. London fashion had

better get over i'. The good news is that there are plenty of newcomers jostling, if not to take his place, truen at least to make a mark of their own. As the week wore on, more of them sprang up on an alternative schedule, clashing merrily with official shame and creating havoc all round. But thank heavens for them - they shone as boldly and brightly as daisies on a pristine lawn. Not all the Young Turks

were everything you might have hoped for. Robert Cary-Williams's tastefully named Victorian Car Crash collection cast a lot of calamine-pink zips in starring roles: they trailed from bits of half-finished cloth

ENGLISHNESS: tweeds, sheepskin, checks, Tanna lawn prints, arevie and cable knits and wear in an unconventional mix. VOLUME: the new skirt/dress has flare. COLOURS: pumpkin (chattenging), lichen (easier), black and white (nevitable) capes: MOOD: Antarctica - tons of fur (fake and otherwise); hooded cable-knlts.

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halfway down the catwalk and co-starred with some chal-lenging footwear. Full marks for imagination then, though Marks & Spencer probably won't be rushing to sign him.

Still, if London Fashion Weeks of distant history were about creative anarchy, parties and three-legged trousers. now the event is also about things you might actually want to wear, even if this season was by no means a collec-

You might, for instance, be sorely tempted by any number of pieces by Matthew Williamson, who presented his best collection since his catwalk debut in 1997. The catalyst for this show, called Glomad (Day-Glo meets nomads), was the all-white hotel room in which he stayed during a recent visit to India. All-white decor is not really compatible with Williamson, who has forged a reputation for exotic colour and delicate detailing. He bought some cheap neon saris, placed them over the lampshades in his hotel room and was so startled by the effect that when he got home he painted everythirig in his flat in neon colours - including some of the fabrics for this collection.

The vibrant cashmeres with which Williamson made his name were still there, in jewelcoloured vests with vents up the front. But he has evolved from fragile-looking clothes to rugged hessians layered over luminous silks and trimmed with velvets and beads to make skirts that bridged the divide between evening and day wear beautifully.

Evening wear is something that British designers do well. At Paul Smith embroidered silk skirts and drop-waisted dresses were as pretty as the Cecil Beaton portraits of the Twenties "It girl" Daisy Fel-lowes, which presumably in-spired them. Clements Ribeiro's textured velvet chiffon skirts were immensely desirable. And at Elspeth Gibson there was a winter version of the peasant top in velver. Just add a pair of her lichen trousers and you have the casualdressy approach to evenings

However, there is another evening dress code emerging. first sighted seasons ago at Yamamoto: the fully blown ball skirt. Ghost had vaguely Victorian ones, reinforced by the lace-up boots that were teamed with everything. Ben de Lisi's came in grey with a cowl-neck top; Deborah Milner's were in silver-matted orange wool. Milner, who has carved a name for herself with made-to-measure wedding dresses for various fashionistas, showed on the catwalk for the first time, with mixed results. This smacked of a graduare show with too many ideas

designed to impress and not

enough of the gorgeous clothes that she can do. Someone who has mastered the art of combining technical wizardry with beautiful clothes is Hussein Chalayan. Last week's collection was a stunning display of how inordinately complicated ideas can be wrought into serenely simple-looking pieces. Out they floated, those perfect woollen shift dresses and boxy jackets with matching skirts. Although his presentation veers towards the pretentious. he doesn't feel the need to point out how dever he is with his clothes. The only flashy moments were the asymmetric millefeuille layered felt skirts. In less skilled hands they

press-release output around

this week. I've also had plenty

of cause to ponder that great imponderable: why is it im-possible to find a bag that is

They're either too small or

so big that you end up lug-ging around a laptop, a mo-bile and three changes of clothing to stop the thing im-

ploding. And the problem

will intensify need winter with

the flat pouch that is set to be-

come the bag of the season

search on the accessories

stands in the exhibition part

of London Fashion Week. I

feel a solution in the offing. J

and M Davidson's flat, shag-

gy ponyskin pouch, with a

strap that slings across the

body, is big enough for the

bare essentials - wallet, keys,

phone and lipstick, making

hem more accessible — while

their not-too-big leather, ny-

ion or tweed holdall will car-

ry the overflow. Both are

quirky, chic and practical -

but not cheap. Dollargrand

and Accessorize will have

budget versions by autumn.

You can take both these

shapes to the office and nip

out to lunch with just the

. . or so I thought. After re-

ust the right size?

tion to the same problem. This was another moment that combined some of the best showmanship in the world with fab-ulous clothes — pin-sharp frock coats, curvy quilted jackets, poncho dresses - against a swirling, snowy background complete with howling wolves. Spookily, Julien Macdonald opted for a snowcape, too, but while McQueen's was haunt-

der McQueen's puffball wool dresses were a different solu-

come along at the same time. FASHION By Lists -

ATTINIST OF UT pouch, which could also dou-ble as a night-time accessory since the dinky, decorative beaded bags we have all been wearing are going to look odd with the new, sportier evening wear looks that are bound to slip into the shops. OK, so you will need two bass but then, life isn't perfect.

■ IT'S endearing to observe the effort that Madonna puts into staying ahead of the fashion pack. The energy required to maintain her biceps pales beside that expended on acquiring those £10,000 embroidered lilac Gucci tronsers she wore at the Grammys Outfit No 33 in the last show. Madonna ordered them three months ago. Not that money changed hands. As an insider says, once they hit the shops she won't want them any more.











ingly apocalyptic. Macdon-ald's was kitsch. Owen Gaster's version was just cold, though he did come up trumps with a real wolf. That's the would have looked ugly, but thing about London: you wait here they were ethereal. for years for a wolf, then three Designers are looking to in-LUGGING balf of London's

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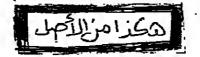
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Mixed in with

Asian spice

COMEDY: Goodness Gracious Me is attracting a mainstream audience to the theatre. Clive Davis reports



COMEDY

THE TIMES



here had been mutter-ings that the level of in-

to wobble by the end of the sec-

ond television series of Goodness Gracious Me. So n is re-

freshing to report that the stage version, which is on tour until the middle of next

month, scores one greatest hit

In a glum week for news on

the race front, it was also en-

couraging to see not just a full house but a decidedly mixed

crowd. When GGM star San-

jeev Bhaskar performed an ac-

complished solo show at the

South Bank just after Christ-

mas, he played to an audience that was 99 per cent Asian. Here at the Reading Hexagon was proof, if it were needed, that he and his colleagues are

Bhaskar and Meera Syal

mainstream talents too.

after another.

spiration was starting



comes in for much more of a

hiding. Gurus are treated with jovial disrespect, and we are in-

troduced to a new chain of res-

taurants, Planet Bollywood.

Some of the skits looked underpowered on a stage as large as the Hexagon's Anil Gupta's direction would bene-

fit from a little oghtening. But we do have the opportunity to

relive the English restaurant sketch, an instant classic

which depicts a table full of

Bombay rowdies bullying a timid Caucasian waiter: "What's the blandest dish on

Craig Charles's role in another offbeat BBC2 series, Red

Dwarf, forms one of the selling

points for his national tour.

Not that there were many

touches of the surreal in his

Imbecile firmly charge

n recent years the tiny Gate has accomplished covering Spanish plays of the Golden Age to mtroducing us to the German drama-ost Marie-Luise Fleisser to giving spare, simple productions of Kenneth McLeish's stunningly bold translations of Euripides - that it has every reason to make a fuss of itself.

It may, if it likes, celebrate its 20th birthday with a season called Idiots, "devoted to the sensibly challenged". It may even declare in its publicity bumf that "imbeciles are very firmly in charge at the Gate" We know it is the theatre's jokily disingenuous way of preparing us for Cervantes's Don Quixote and the satirical East European plays that will fol-

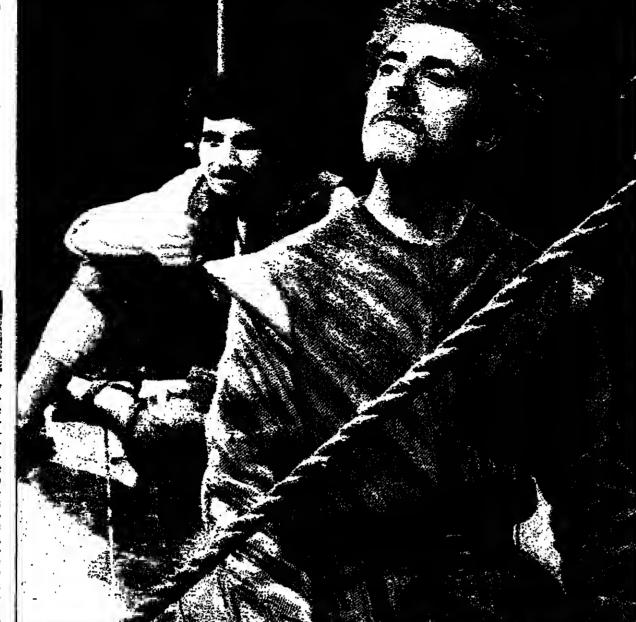
Or do we, and is it? If the Don in his most mentally ad-dled mood had personally di-rected David Johnston's adaptation of his biography, he could not have produced anything more inept and incoherent. Somehow the long firstnight interval summed up an event I was already categorising as good reason to get a few millennia off my time in Purgatory. True, it broke up an evening that lasted over three hours - but was it really necessary to send the wretched audience out of the auditorium to loiter in the cramped foyer, booze in the depressing pub below, or simply wander the cold Notting Hill streets?

When we returned to our seats, someone had shifted the sawdust on the stage floor. But the set, a drear blend of scaffolding and rope fashionably placed between two rows of speciators, seemed unchanged. The actors were still mooching about in their ugly village clothes or slumping just offstage. Part Two was much the same as Part One, only duller.

hilarious incidents in the original novel, and a few of these are included in Marta Momblant Ribas's production. Patrick Kealey's monotonously grave and earnest Quixote mis-takes a barber's basin for the magic helmet of Mambrino and snatches it from its stupefied owner. He confuses inns with castles, rips apart pup-pets who have offended his sense of chivalry, rescues a shepherd's boy from a de-served beating. Whether he tilts at windmills I cannot be sure, for the moment passed in a twinkling during which latecomers were distracting me.
But little else is particularly lucid and nothing else is funny,
so it hardly matters.

Nor is pace or clarity helped by the introduction of a narrator-guru in the form of Cide Hamete Benengali, whom Cervantes pretended was his story's inventor, and two female listener-commentators, both in modern togs and one with a half-penetrable accent. He gives them plonkingly obvious lectures about imagination, reality, reason and the other subjects the adapter wishes us to ponder — "nothing is what it seems, have you forgotten that already, my little budgeri-gars?" - while they do little but take up space and time. Mehmet Ergen's earthily good-natured Sancho Panza emerges with some credit from the deconstructionist banalities on offer, but otherwise imbecility is the mot juste.

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Mehmet Ergen and Patrick Kealey in the Gate's incoherent adaptation of the classic Cervantes tale of Don Quixote

Fresh and juicy



PUCCINI'S early master-

piece is now more than 100

years old but remains as mi-

raculously fresh as its subject-

matter. Young love, youthful ideals and shattered dreams

motivate the plot and not many productions capture this spirit as well as Góran

Järvefelt's 15-year-old staging

As revived here by Caroline Chaney, the production mixes humour and pathos in the same way as Puccini's score.

Updating the action by a few

decades to the time of the op-

era's composition, it remains

realistic and traditional - but

never conventional. Above all,

h is a staging that "listens" to

the music, recognising that

Puccini never sentimentalises

the hard existence of these Bo-

for Weish National Opera.

By the final act, the poverty

is inescapable. The Bobernians' garret looks (in Michael Yeargan's designs) like a squat. Marcello has had to compromise his ideals and is busy producing a still life that will be easy to sell. In these surroundings it is not surprising that Mimi's death seems even more painful than usual. It helps that all the princi-

pals are young this is not the strongest cast WNO has ever fielded in La Boheme, but they are an evenly matched group of singing actors. It is less help that on the opening night they were often swamped by the orchestra under Graham Jackson, After a

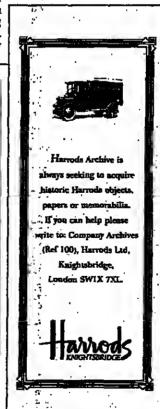
slightly scrappy start, Jackson settled down to conduct a performance full of theatrical life. but overdid the juice in what is already a very juicy score. Alwyn Mellor gives per-haps the most fully rounded

performance, singing with glowing tone and charting Mimi's decline poignantly. The Bohemians make a lively

English National

quartet, but Gwyn Hughes Jones's Rodolfo stands out for his sweetly lyrical tone. Simon Thorpe's Marcello is more deeply characterised, an overgrown naughty boy at the start who is perhaps most af-fected by events, and he boasts a warm baritone. Dean Robinson's Colline and Matthew Hargreaves's Schaunard are not overshadowed, however, and the latter sings the best Italian Gail Pearson's perky Musetta is dynamite in a small package, and her slender soprano rides the ensembles brightly.

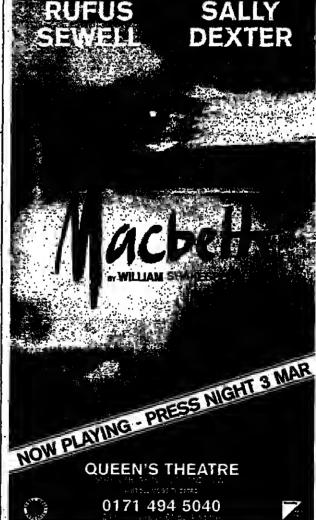
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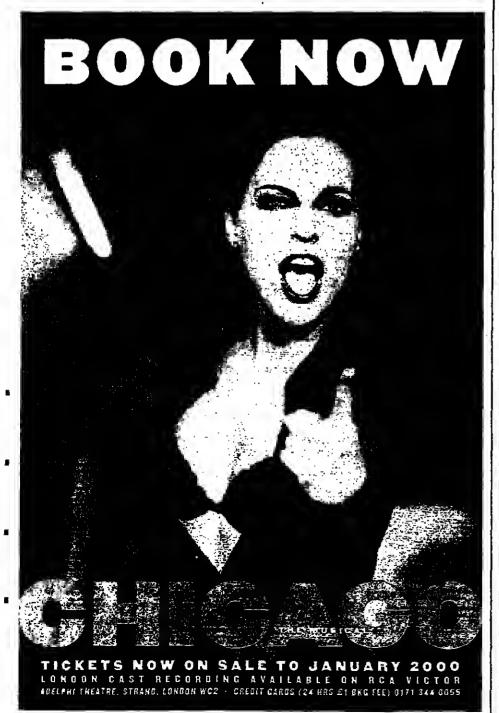


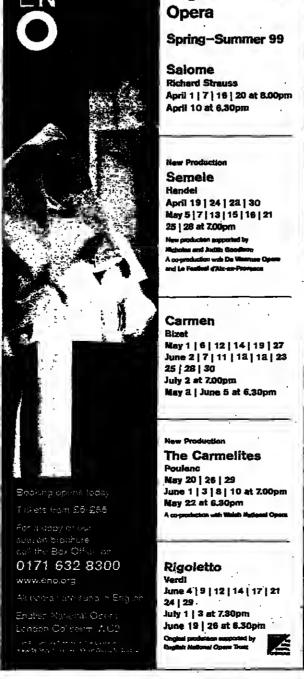
in her handbag. The whole enterprise fizzes with the self-confidence of a Westernised generation that has come of age. British paternalism receives ritual poke in the eye in Toby Longworth's cameo performances as a nostalgic colonial gent and a dim-witted backpacker. But Asian insularity RUFUS

have attracted most of the critiperformance at Oxford cal attention so far, partly for Brookes University - apart the very good reason that they from the bizarre sight of him contribute their own material. lowering his trousers to dis-But this evening was very play a chic set of stockings and much a collective success. Kulsuspenders. His well-publivinder Ghir's clowning is put cised spell in prison supplies the meatiest sequence in his routine. For all the cheeky to superb use, particularly in a parody of an all-action, all-dancing movie hero. Nina Wa-dia makes a convincing transi-tion from minisking Asian Scouse swagger he brings to his tales from a darkened cell. there is no mistaking the fear "It-girl" to the indomitable Mrs and loathing underneath. The rest, though, tends to fall into a predictable run Bedi, a matriarch who is never caught without an aubergine

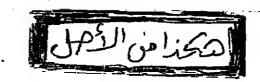
through off-colour, toilet and sex jokes. Even an account of a trip to Bill Gates's empire turns into an excuse to linger in the aeroplane's WC. A pity. At his best, when he allows his stream-of-consciousness indignation to bubble over into a poem; Charles conveys a real sense of individuality.











Good guys don't win prizes tight for

CINEMA: Jeff Bridges may be

Hollywood's most underrated star but it has never bothered him.

as Lesley O'Toole discovered

ear and paranoia are themes which perme-ate Jeff Bridges's films, and his new one -Arlington Road, opening in Britain this month — is no ex-ception. A psychological thriller about neighbours who are not all they seem, it is precisely the kind of movie Bridges likes to see. "I love it when the filmmaker is ahead of the viewer and there are so many twists that you don't know how something will turn out."

That, more than the role. proved the attraction here. That and his co-star, Tim Robbins, who, as the first star name attached to the project. had his pick of two equally in-teresting male lead roles. Bridges did not mind that whatever Robbins left was his own role, "Sometimes it's the other way round," he adds.

Bridges was also attracted by the film's "Hitchcockian feel" rather than its political subject-matter (American-based terrorism and its white militia perpetrators). "For me, the film is a fantasy on that level, though in Britain things must be very different. You have movie star grown up with terrorism but even after something like Oklahoma

bombing. Ameri-cans still don't give the topic much credence. We prefer to live in a state of denial because we really don't want to think about these things."

Yet Bridges knows only too well that his on-screen paranoia in Arlington Road is both plausible and rooted in fact. On the film's set in Houston, Texas, last year, Bridges met many extras who had family and friends affiliated with white militia groups and he believes that a societal malaise persists in the country in spite of its buoyant economy. "I don't know that the state of the economy is endrely satisfying to everyone. Jobs are so lowpaying that families still can't afford roofs over their head or the health cover they need."

luxury of being able to pick and choose his work. Clearly. his modvation is neither financial nor careerist. At 50, he is not only more handsome and versaole than Harrison Ford but seven years younger. Yet he has eschewed the convenwhich could have placed him in the \$20-million-per-movie pantheon. Asked which specific hits he passed on, Bridges responds with a slightly be-mused: "I'm really not sure which films people mean when they say that, but I don't think I ever went down that movie star path. I always enjoy taking a 90-degree turn

from the last thing I did." The American film crinc Pauline Kael once wrote that

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Bridges "may be the most natural and least self-conscious screen actor that ever lived". He has his own thoughts on the reasons he is able to imbue every character with credibility. "Audiences bring informaoon into the theatre about what they last saw an actor in. Because I've done so many different roles, it's easier for me to project a character on to the actor so when people see me on screen, they think, 'Maybe

he's the bad guy, maybe not'." Though he enjoyed making Arlington Road, Bridges's experience was onged with sadness when his father Lloyd Bridges died during the shoot For years, Bridges doubted his merit as an actor, well aware of having a "foot in the door because my Dad was who he was". Though he made his film debut at the age of nine months — "I didn't do a very

good job, they couldn't get me to 6 I don't cry" - it was not unol he had made perhaps ten movthink I ies as an adult that he decided acting was what he wantever went ed to focus on. down that

path?

His inauspi-cious film debut opposite Jane Green was followed by a few parts on his father's television series. Sea Hunt. 'He'd always say, 'Do you want to do

this part? You'll be gone from school for a couple of weeks. And when you're eight years old, it's kind of fun. A little further on, he ques-

tioned whether he was acting simply because his father did but eventually realised that "they wouldn't hire me if I was no good. After that, the feeling started to go away."

Two Academy Award nominations by the age of 25 helped. At 22, he was nominated as Best Supporting Actor for his endearing guy-next-door in Peter Bogdanovich's The Last Picture Show and three years later for Thunderbolt and Lightfoot. In the 1980s, Bridges enjoyed a spectacular run, winning Best Actor for his alien masquerading box-office success again the same year in Against All Odds, though the success of that film paled next to that of Jagged Edge.

ut his early populari-ty with Academy members did not convert into the recognicion he should have earned for a clutch of 1990s films - The Fisher King, Fearless and the low-budget American Heart, which he also produced. Janet Maslin. The New York Times film crioc, calls him "the most underappreciated great actor of his generation", though she was not thinking of The Mirror Has Two Faces, starring and directed by Barbra Streisand and

THEATRES



Laid back: Jeff Bridges is unfaced by his lack of awards - "I'm constantly surprised that I am still surprised in this business"

mused suitor.

Unsurprisingly, given his huge resumé. Bridges cannot name a favourite film. "I have a bit of fondness for all of them. Sometimes I feel the end result, the movie, is almost a by-product of the real process. which is just being alive, finding out about yourself and your character and having relationships with the people you're working with."

Bridges documents each filming experience by photographing it extensively. Polygram bought "thousands" of his photos taken on the set of Arlington Road and printed a limited edicion of 5,000 promodonal books, with handwritten captions by Bridges. If anyone mounts an awards cam-

paign for the film, the book will make an excellent gift for the Golden Globe voters. (Oscar voters are not allowed to receive such promotional items.)

In fact, Bridges is so long overdue some awards that he probably fancied his chances when those Academy favourites, the Coen brothers, wrote a part for him in The Big Lebowski, their follow-up to Fargo. The film, though, generated none of the generation-transcending buzz of its predeces-

sor. Was he surprised? "I was because it made me laugh and, for me, John Turturro's performance is unbelievable. But then I'm constantly surprised that I'm still surprised in this business. I admire the Coen brothers so much because they're so not

hoopla. They're totally lowkey." So too is the very affable Bridges, who lives a singularly normal-sounding life in an idvilic beach town north of Los Angeles with his wife and three teenage daughters.

is life outside work consists mostly of "music and œramics". Not only is he not worried about his own neighbours; he makes music with them. He also plays guitar and piano for the ensemble's "jazzy stuff with some rock and some pop". When feeling in need of creative stimulus, he tackles a 12-week course prescribed by the book The Artist's Way. "Each day, the first thing you

stream of consciousness. Mine normally starts off with something like 'I really, really, really don't feel like doing this'. You empty all this stuff out and then, all of a sudden, other things just come out."

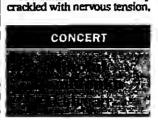
Bridges emptied another load of "stuff" on his daughters before signing on for The Big Lebowski. "I was so conflicted because I was thinking. "I'm going to play this dope-smoking guy. What about my girls? What kind of role model is that?" He sat them down and gave them a long speech. "I was sweating. Finally, I ran out of words and they just looked at me and said, 'Dad,

Arlington Road is released in Britain on March 19

comfort

eethoven is really rather early music for Nikolai Demidenko. The Russian pianist, who has collected awards for his recordings of Mediner, Tchaikovsky and Scriabin, was likely to have very much his own way with Beethoven. And so it was when his Pathétique and Tem-pest Sonatas exploded on the Barbican Hall on Tuesday.

At the start of the Pathétique, the energy which is coiled into those severe open-ing chords, ready to break out in the impulsive rising figures which follow, seemed in Demidenko's hands compacted. Where Beethoven's strength and imagination seems constantly to be expanding, break-ing its own bounds, Demidenko's seemed to be compressing itself, rigorously scaling down. This generated its own idiosyncratic excitement. The outer movements fairly



setting into relief a central slow movement so thoughtfully phrased that its song was heard breathing anew. And there was to be no relaxation of tension. Demidenko's tall frame remained crouched over the keyboard, taut with anticipation.

For Beethoven's Tempest Sonata, he found a compellingly husbed and exploratory opening. As the fingers touched each rising note into being, it seemed as if anything could happen. And each time those quiet, self-communing phrases returned out of the hurlyburly, they grew more isolated, until finally they were conjured into song, as if from an-other, far distant frequency. There was a palpable sense of physical relief as Demi-

denko turned to Liszt and was able to spread himself once more, stretching every sinew of his body and that of the pi-

The young Liszt certainly in-tended to test both performer and instrument in the Etudes d'execution - transcendante d'après Paganini. Demidenko played two of them: La chasse. rhythmic control, and La Campanella, in which he seemed to have not quite enough freedom to tease out the whimsy.

There was not much of a smile on his face, either, in the two operatic transcriptions which framed the Etudes and his powerfully shaped Ballade No 2 in B minor. The Waltz and Capriccio on two themes from "Lucia et Parisina" was nicely deadpan in its virtuosity. But Lisa's paraphrase de concert on Rigoletto was, after all, quite the most outrageously successful PR package for Verdi's opera before Jonathan Miller's juke-box and Demidenko's frenzied performance made it just a little less fun.

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Blair books his ticket to euroland

A danger to the Tories as the

odds shorten on entry

othing is inevitable in poliocs. But there are probabilities — and Briosh entry into the euro is now probable. Tony Blair has made entry a strategic aim of his Government. For all the careful wording of his Commons statement, he cast aside previous ambiguities that allowed some sceptic commenta-tors to delude themselves that he was really on their side. The Government will now actively seek to achieve entry. Of course, like any shrewd politician, Mr Blair left himself a let-out clause by stress-

ing the economic tests. However, failure to join in the next Parliament would be a huge setback for his strategy of closer involvement in the European Union, and would force a reassessment of his whole foreign policy. This is leaving aside the possibility of defeat in a referendum. which could be fatal to his premiership, but he would not call one unless he was sure of

winning.
The latest MORI poll for The Times indicates that opinion has become less hostile to entry. The precise figures showing an even balance for and against might differ with a slightly altered question, but the trend is clear and is backed by other recent polls. More significant is that half the public is persuadable either way, depending on what it thinks would be best for the

economy. So much for the myth of a firmly sceptic electorate. Moreover, over two thirds of the public regards entry as likely-inevitable.

A sizeable minority of the public, now about a quarter, is strongly opposed to British participa-

the position of the Tory leadership and is William Hague's

instinct ("a nation that has decided its own destiny for 1,000 years"), rather than just ruling out entry for the next absolute position may also be limiting the Tory potential for recovery. A recent MORI poll commissioned by John Stevens and Brendan Donnelly, the former Tory MEPs and founders of the new Pro-European Conservative Party, showed that a pro group led by Michael Heseltine and Kenneth Clarke might not only attract 13 per cent support (against 19 per cent for Mr Hague's party) but it could also win back Tory defectors from Labour and the Liberal

Democrats. Stevens-Donnelly group may be no more than spoilers in this June's European elections, but their activity shows that Mr Hague cannot assume that a majority will rally to a "save the pound" call. That may be true of a hard core, but any referendum will be decided by the much larger number whose vote will be swayed by their economic

people worse off and investment at risk. Joining will be presented as a logical step rather than a big leap. That means showing that the euro is successful and that Britain would fit into euroland.

The Government's case is that Britain would be left behind outside the euro with

Serious tensions do exist, as shown by the squabbling between finance ministers and the European Central Bank, and by the failure at Friday's summit to make progress over reform of the budget and farm policies. Mr Blair has to be able to show that Europe is reforming itself and that its labour, capital and product markets are becoming more

However, arguments over the proposed levy on art sales and the threat to the Eurobond market from a withholding tax make the EU appear less attractive, and Mr Blair also has to show that further moves towards closer integration and qualified majority voting are not against British interests.

anched today by David The New Europe Owen, with mainstream-cen-trist backing, is fighting on this ground with its anti-monetary union but pro-European line, a socially acceptable scep-ocism that is not right-wing. But how does it avoid the

embrace of the ultras? Mr Clarke and Mr Heseltine are now happy to work in an all-party campaign with Mr Blair, Will Lord Owen's group be content to sit with Bill Cash and his allies?

The Owen approach is more fundamentally flawed. Despite legitimate doubts over monetary union, the group still believes that Britain can

> which bits of the EU it wants to join with no adverse consequences. But Britain cannot really have a central role in the EU if it is outside monetary union for long. Other countries, and many in the City and big business accept, albeit reluctantly, that

Britain cannot join for three or four But any longer and Britain will suffer a loss of business and investment. Moreover, the policies adopt-

ed by the euro II will have a direct impact on Britain, and we will have no influence on them outside the euro. Many Tories are content to accept such a detached position, and want Britain to renegotiate its relationship with the EU anyway. The Owen group wants Britain to be part of Europe, yet, as Mr Blair has come to recognise, that is not consistent with being outside a successful single currency.

¬ he debate will turn on these questions of economic advantage. The Tories are in danger of being seen not just as split, as they may be in the Euro elections. but also as detached from most of mainstream business. As Mr Blair remarked last Tuesday, there could even be "the delicious irony of going into the next general election with the only fears on the financial markets being the prospect of a Tory election

There is still a big task of persuasion, and winning a referendum will not be easy. especially if the Tories recover strongly at the next election. But by at last taking a lead, Mr Blair has started to shift the odds in favour of entry. peter.riddeff@the-times.co.uk



We haven't a prayer

y grandson Wilfrid, who is four years old, was getting annoyed with his mother; in the angry voice little boys use, he said: "I want you out of my language." That was how I felt when I read the text of the millennium "prayer"; it has so annoyed the Archbishops of Canterbury and Westminster that they are thinking of boycotting the Dome on millennium night. They will, in any case, be much better off with their own congregations, in their own cathedrals, praying to their God. The Dome has no faith, though it

smells faintly of neo-paganism.

The prayer, as quoted in the Daily
Mail, reads: "Let there be respect
for the Earth, peace for its people, love in our lives, delight in the good, forgiveness for past wrongs, and from now on a new start."

No mention of God; no mention of Christ. The churches are said to be spending £6 million sending a copy of this string of slogans. together with a free candle, to 18 million homes in Britain. Apart from the Dome itself, there can hardly be a greater waste of money. There are quite enough people in Britain already who speak in cliches - almost all tif the new Labour Party for a start — without spending £6 million on dumbing down our language still further.

My first reaction to the millennium prayer was to compare it with genuine prayers, with the Lord's Prayer, psalms, with the prayers of great religions. It does, indeed, borrow some religious language. "Let there be" comes from the first chapter of the Book of Genesis. "And God said, 'let there be light': and there was light." "Respect" is a word used in the Mafia to describe the deference appropriate to the leader of a criminal organisation. "Respect for the Earth" is a green

to "peace in our time", which Neville Chamberlain, on his return from Munich, borrowed from the Book of Common Prayer. "People" is, of course, a new Labour word, as in "People's Princess". "Love in our lives" occupies an intermediate position between a religious statement and the lyric of an old-fashioned popular song; it could well be the last line of one of those mawkish modern hymns written for children. "Delight in the good" is a mysterious, even ambiguous, phrase. Are we being advised to

"Peace for its people" is quite close

delight in good things, as a wine expert might savour a glass of

From the millennium prayer to government by cliché and the dumbing of ITV, we are in the grip of dunces

Château-Lafite, or a silver connoisseur might admire a Paul Storr seur might admire a Paul Storr saltcellar? Or are we simply supposed to delight in doing good, which often involves labour and self-sacrifice? Isaac Watts thought that all creatures delighted in the natural appetites God had given them. "Let dogs delight to bark and bite, For God hath made them so; Let bears and lions growl and fight, English have nature too."

For 'tis there nature too.' "Forgiveness for past wrongs" mixes one of the petitions of the

Lord's Prayer with the modern habit of apologising for historic evils, such as the slave trade or the potato famine. My own Irish ancespotato famine, so l to them on behalf of my English ancestors. Finally, one comes to "and from now on a oew which start".

sounds like a new Labour slogan for

the next general The whole thing is not a prayer at comes on at a late hour, and has been encouraged to follow the carefully composed so that it was carefully composed so that it was carefully composed so that it could be used by Christians, those of other faiths and those of no faith at all." It is a political statement, designed to persuade people of differing views that they are in agreement when they are not. I do not know whether it is more offensive for its stylistic clumsiness, for the meretricious use of fragments of real prayers, or for the mind-numbing combination of

The Dome has become the grand national symbol of the process of dumbing-down. It is splendid news that the Jubilee Line may not be finished, so the best way to get there on the night may be to abandon one's car in Greenwich and jog through a disused container port. That sounds an ideal way to celebrate the start of the new In Inspector Clouseau's accent,

vacuity of meaning with intellectual

dishonesty.

I am not criticising ITV for excessive emphasis on popular entertainment - would that I could - but for the oceanic boredom of its schedules. From 8pm to 9pm this evening, a peak viewing hour, ITV will be showing 30 minutes of surveillance footage, taken by HM Customs, followed by a half hour of home improvements on the Wirral. Of course, there is always Coronation Street: "Maxine struggles to cope at the salon in the absence of Audrey, while Gary and Judy

"dome", "dump", "damp", and "dumb" all sound very much the same. The Prime Minister has told

the Queen she must spend millenni-um night in a dumb dome, or perhaps in a damp dump. That will make her the new People's Queen, and help him to remain the new People's Prime Minister.

Another, and more than symbol-

ic, dumbing-down has been the

wanton destruction of independent

television. I hope it will be discussed

at the conference on dumbing-down

which The Times

ment is mounting

next Friday. For 30

years, ITV produced

some of the best

television in Britain,

constantly challeng-

passing the BBC. It

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reduced to a shad-

ow of what it once

was. One can read

the ITV programme on most nights with-

out seeing anything that raises a flicker

of interest or pleasure. Even the great

Supple-

decide on godparents for the twins." There is gritty socialism for you. However, there has always been the compensation of News at Ten, topical, well-presented, well-edited, the most professional of the network news services. For more than 40 years that has remained an excellent news programme; in its first years it forced the BBC to modernise

news broadcasting; in the early 1960s, I remember ITN introducing the first televised Budget broadcast and the first live computer forecasts on the general election night programme. Alastair Burnet presented both of them; I had the good luck to be one of the talking heads. Now News at Ten is to go, despite the well-deserved popularity, and the seriousness, of Trevor McDonald. From dawn to dewy eve, ITV will be duliness; duliness, duliness.

The commercial companies are, in the their own commercial terms. destroying what used to be the strongest of network brands. Of course, as the ITV network vanishes down the plughole, it will still be possible to watch the Jerry Springer Show. Jerry Springer has a sinister rather than merely mindless volgarity. News at Ten is dead, but Jerry

Springer lives. As with the dumb Dome, com-plete with its God-free spirit zone, Tony Blair's Government must share the blame for the destruction of the ITV tradition. Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary, is also responsible for broadcasting. He appointed Gerry Robinson, the chairman of Granada, as the chairman of the Arts Council. Mr Robinson dumbed down Granada, and has done his best to dumb down the Arts Council as well. Mr Smith continues to ooze sincerity and soundbites on television as the apostle of support for the

he Prime Minister has done more than anyone in British public life to substitute propaganda images for political debate. From the start of his leadership, he spoke in soundbites for the soundbites came. He uses political language to sentimentalise and dissolve the real issues of policy, not to define them. It is rather the same as a conjurer using patter to distract his audience from what he is actually doing. No doubt this is a worldwide fashion. Presi-

guage as well as women. Alexander Pope described the triumph of unreason in the Dunciad. "Lo! Thy dread empire. Chaos, is restored; Light dies before thy uncreating word." Our national dialogue has been denatured; in religion, in politics, in social debate there has been a substitution of spin and image for language, truth and logic. I am extending Wilfrid's motto: "I want the dunces out of my

dent Clinton himself abuses, lan-

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Tally low

LEAKY roofs at the National Trust, courtesy of the Prince of Wales's friends: the wrangle over the charity's ban on staghuming is heading for the courts again, and its coffers are emptying sharpish.

The trust, which has already spent more than £200,000 on legal

fees, is being pursued with renewed vigour by the Devon and Somerset Staghounds, whose supporters include Hugh Van Cutsem, a pai of Prince Charles. Money for the case has to be diverted from conserva-

My tip for a better use of funds: Hardwick Hall, the Duke of Devonshire's former ancestral seat — memorably described by Lord Torrington as "one of the proudest piles I ever beheld" - which is crumbling to dust in trust hands. Says a big welly: They should put down their briefs and get back to drystone walls."

CRISPIAN MILLS. Sir John Mills's pop-singing grandson, on his route into rock star debauchery: "I grew up with pictures of my Mum [Hayley Mills, below, with clan looking very young, standing with John Wayne or Wait Disney. That did



AN archbishop has fallen out with his estate agent, and is worried about a lost £8 million. Alwyn Rice Jones, the Archbishop of Wales, had his unhappy brush with Maramon after flogging Church of Wales land for £27 million: shortly afterwards, the canny buyer sold it on for £35 million. Over to Knight Frank, the land's valuers, who tell me cautiously: "We understand the Church is still considering its position."

IS Rosie Boycott the new Parky? My close chum, the Editor-in-Chief of Express Newspapers, has told friends she wants to be a chat show host. Her hoped for outlet, Channel 5, is about as popular as her current home.

LAWYERS have been ruminat-

ing over the appointment of Mr Justice Lightman to hear the most recent BCCI case. In his more humble days as a QC, Lightman defended Abbas Gokal, one of the BCCI baddies. After Lord Hoffmann's Amnesty troubles, this is sensitive stuff, but Cherie Booth, one of the defending lawyers, was happy: she spoke to Lightman about his record and was convinced of his impartiality.



AN illegitimate Dome has been born. The company building the real thing is erecting a

50-metre-high practice tent for the
circus types who will perform at
Greenwich

■ NICK HORNBY turned to laddish novel-writing after his inky ambitions were thwarted. Hornby, a recent £2 million transfer to Penguin, was a listless graduate when he applied to the journalism course at City University. Cruelly rebuffed, he turned his hand to fiction. "We look for commitment, aptitude and personality," says Linda Christmas, City's current taskmistress. "Anyway, journalism is not about writing."

ROYAL cinematic preferences will be clear when the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh visit Angels, the world's largest theatrical costumiers, on Thursday. While the Queen will peruse outfits from Elizabeth and Shakespeare in Love, Prince Philip has asked to see the Nazi uniforms from Saving

'Those Tsars, Tsarinas and party General Secretaries who are internationally considered the most impressive were often the maddest'

o watch the increasingly frenzied race to be Presi-dent of Russia, you would be forgiven for getting the impression that the job was somehow a desirable one, that you would not have to be seriously unstable to

It seems that everyone who is anyone, from film directors to food magnates, is enthusiastically denying any intention to run (seemingly the accepted way of announcing the beginning of your presidential campaign).

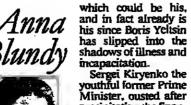
To any outside observer, the advantages of being President here would appear to he few. In fact, aside from the fact that the Moscow traffic is completely cleared from the roads to allow the smooth passage of your entourage, they are non-existent. No leader in the whole documented history of the country can be characterised either by their uniformly great achievements or by their sanity. Those Tsars, Tsarinas and General Secretaries who are internationally considered the most impressive were often the maddest.

Aleksei Konstantinovich Tolstoy's 19th-century poem History of Russian Government is a satire documenting Russia's changes of leadership, and, though he recounts the literary triumphs of Catherine the Great's reign and the naval prowess of Peter the Great, the following refrain echoes throughout the poem: "Our country is rich but there is still no order

Yet to this day there are plenty of people clamouring to create some. It seems that half the presidential pretenders do not themselves know why they seek power. Yevgeni Primakov genu-inely had no desire to step in when persuaded to become and such is the madness of Russian political life that he is one of the most popular contenders for President in 2000, although he still insists that he will

not be running. Vladimir Dovgan, however, a 36-year-old food and drink millionaire, has saturated the airwaves and billboards with adverts for his new Dovgan Party, even though be has failed to register even for December's

he may run for President in 2004. Nobody believes Primakov's claims of non-participation but I think his reluctance is entirely understandable. Primakov has said he wants to retire and do some fishing, which sounds good when compared with the job of Prime Minister last September, constant crisis management



incapacitation. Sergei Kiryenko the youthful former Prime Minister, ousted after precipitating the financial crisis last August, has also hurled him-self back into the fray with his bid for a

parliamentary seat centring on a series of heart-warming television advertise-ments which depict him building

a toy town with his son.
His party, Novaya Sila, runs under the slogan "do it yourself", though Kiryenko has hinted that he might in fact, do it with Primakov in the presidential elections, should the Prime Minister finally decide to run. In a televised interview last

Thursday night, Kiryenko attest-ed to his relative sanity and said that be hates politics. Although be could easily become a busi-nessman or a consultant, it seems, nevertheless, that he just. cannot belp himself.

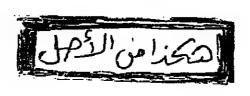
The film director Nikita Mikhalkov, who has admitted the remote possibility of his running for President if asked, launched his campaign last week with the premiere of his new patriotic film The Barber of Siberia, described by some as "an advert for Russia".

None of the world's many "whither, Russia?" pontificaters really fancy Mikhalkov's political chances this time round, since Primakov is at least manag-ing to maintain the distance and dignity required of a man not running for President, while strenuously consolidating his

The other candidates, whose comment@the-times.co.uk

intentions are less of a secret, are hysterically rallying support. Governor Aleksandr Lebed, Afghan War veteran and currently top of the volatile presidential succession polls, is set to attend the eighth annual Night of 100 Stars Oscar viewing party at the Beverly Hills Hotel as part of his unlikely effort to appear more palarable to the West, and Yuri Luzhkov, the Mayor of Moscow, continues to dazzle Muscovites and visitors to the city with Moscow's new-look cleanliness and relative affluence.

People such as Grigori Yavlinsky, of Yabloko, can be virtually ruled out on grounds of sanity, whereas Gennadi Zyuganov, the leader of the Communists, well, you only have to take one look at him to see that this is a man who must really, really want to govern Russia.





THE COMMONS INTEREST

MPs should support radical reform of the Lords

The Royal Commission on Reform of the House of Lords will today hold its first official meeting. In nine months it must produce a blueprint for reform. Lord Wakeliam's appointment to the commission in January was widely welcomed because of his reputation as an efficient and flexible chairman. It was assumed then that additional cunstitutional expertise would be offered by other members of his committee. Although the 12 people who will assemble this morning are distinguished figures, relatively few have specific knowledge of this area. This has fuelled fears, as we report in our pages today, that the commission might feel confident to recommend only the minimum changes.

A limited approach might restrict itself merely to the abolition of the 91 hereditary peers allowed for in the plan that cost Viscount Cranborne his job last year and the introduction of a similar number of elected or even indirectly elected individuals. The bulk of the new body would be nominated. The powers of the Lords might be reduced to offset the new authority that even a slightly more democratic chamber could hold. This would be a grave mistake. producing an Upper House neither sufficiently elected to make its weight effective. nor sufficiently empowered to play the proper role of a second chamber. That would not correct the imbalances between executive and legislature that are at the core of Britain's constitutional difficulties.

. There is, however, a powerful lobby in favour of such a flawed solution. It consists almost exclusively of long-serving members of the House of Commons. This cross-party contingent shares the sentiment that any truly credible second chamber would inevitably eclipse the standing of the Lower House. The larger the elected element, it is feared, the more intense is that threat. Lord Wakeham and Gerald Kaufman, the senior Labour Party appointee on the commission, might conclude that the reform which will be must widely welcomed in Parliament, thus ensuring a swift passage into law, is one that closely reflects the wishes of such MPs. This would be a major miscalculation of Parliament's best interests. It is not the case that a strengthened House of Lords must automatically lead to a commensurate reduction in the status of the Commons.

Throughout this century the formal and informal powers of the Lords have remorselessly declined. This has not made the Commons an ever more mighty force. The opposite is true. The main beneficiaries of a weak second chamber have been ministers and party managers. They, and not the House of Commons, would again be the victors if the Royal Commission backs only marginal alterations to the structure of the Upper House.

Britain needs both Houses of Parliament to become more vigorous institutions. This alone will allow for rigorous scrutiny of the executive, a searchlight that, by exposing defective policy early, is ultimately in the interests of the Government as well. Serious reform of the House of Lords can be the catalyst for a long overdue modernisation of the House of Commons. Indeed, it may be the only event that emboldens backbenchers on all sides to demand new rights. The Conservative Party has spoken of late of its desire to restore the prestige of Parliament. It can advance that cause through Lords reform.

If the Tories are to have influence, they must act quickly. The committee led by Lord Mackay of Clashfern will shortly produce a set of options which the Shadow Cabinet will then consider. The Conservatives require a single, distinctive and radical proposal. This should lead them towards a reformed House of Lords that is half-elected and half-nominated. The elected section should contain members serving for lengthy, nonrenewable, terms to ensure their independence. Such a programme would put pressure on the Labour Party to endorse an equally imaginative scheme. It would also be an invaluable contribution to this most important debate.

GOOD EUROPEANS AGAINST EMU

A powerful, coherent non-partisan case for staying out

The Commons exchanges that followed Tony Blair's presentation of the National Changeover Plan last week revealed more about the political hand that the Prime Minister intends to play over the next two years than it did about the "objective" economic tests which the Government says will determine its position on EMU. Against reasoned, principled argument. his trump will be that those who oppose giving up sterling for the euro have a hidden agenda which is viscerally anti-European. Voters, he will suggest, have more sense than to align themselves with yesterday's men. old Tory dogs yapping at the heels of history's caravan. He will present the pro-EMU case as part of Labour's modernising agenda, a logical strategy for increasing Britain's international influence as well as its prosperity.

In response to this New Europe, the group that David Owen launches today to put the case against joining, offers a direct and powerfully argued riposte from a distinctively European standpoint. Lord Owen has long championed the European Union; so have the politicians, economists and business leaders around him. This is a non-partisan group of former Cabinet 1 .nisters from Left and Right. Lord Prior as well as Lord Healey, of businessmen and economists who have advised this Covernment as well as the last. It has resources, trustworthy leadership, and a simple, coherent message.

The heart of New Europe's case is that opposition to joining EMU is entirely consistent with a positive British role in the EU. That role should be to promote an outward-looking, dynamic Union, close to the governed and politically as well as economically flexible. Not only is staying out consistent with this vision; it would actually fit better with a modern European vision than the fatalistic notion that just because the euro exists. Britain must join. That is because EMU is not only untested, but inherently flawed. A single interest rate cannot, by definition, take account of ional conditions. Rather than guaranteeing stability, growth and high employment, EMU could thus aggravate the rigidities that have inflicted stagnation and dole queues on much of the EU. For

Britain, EMU would be a straitjacket. Politically. EMU implies a federal Europe. A British decision to join would be, as the group points out, "a decisive step lowards turning Britain into a mere province of Europe, with a consequent loss not only of independence but of democratic accountability". Outside, Britain retains the advantages of language, light regularion and flexible markets - and in sterling. a currency that would be more stable than the euro against the dollar. For these and other reasons that New Europe identifies, joining "in the foreseeable future" would actually make it harder, not easier, "to achieve the new Europe that we want to

see", united, co-operative but not federal. New Europe speaks to those, probably a majority of the electorate, who know that Britain's destiny lies within the EU but who have deep doubts about the political as well as economic wisdom of taking this irrevocable step. It provides an intellectual home for people of all parties and none. While working with groups such as Business for Sterling, it sees the need to stay well clear of other. Europhobic campaigns against EMU. This is a serious case, argued by serious people. It offers what Britain needs, a proper debate.

TAKE THE HIGH ROAD

The Princess Royal should make Holyroodhouse her home

In 1822. George IV made the first visit to Scotland by a ruling monarch since the lo30s. His visit caused a furore. Few Scots had seen their King befnre. And there he was before their eyes, dressed in a kilt, a germent that had been banned after the Lobite rebellinn. The magic of such a royal progress captivated the public and. 177 years later, faced with the prospect of separarist, centrifugal forces unleashed by devolution, royal advisers are now dreaming up similar plans to bolster the Uniun. Cuurt sources have been quick to dismiss reports that part of their "Scottish initiative" could include making the Palace of Holyroodhouse the Princess Royal's "official residence". They should think again. Such an act could not be more apposite.

George IV would have approved. Given her close links with Scotland, the Princess Royal has excellent credentials to become a Princess Regent in Edinburgh. She has made more appearances north of the border than any other member of the Royal Family. Her son has played for Scotland in international rugby and she is herself patron of that vital institution, the Scottish Rugby Union.

Even so, the Princess would be forgiven los viewing the idea with trepidation. She night well be given a frosty reception by some, especially members of the Scottish National Party. Its official policy is to retain the Oueen as head of state when she is resident in Scotland, with the Speaker of the new parliament fulfilling the role in her absence. Yet according to a 1998 opinion poll, nearly half the SNP's candidates for the parliament would vote to abolish the monarchy. Their republicanism makes a royal presence even more important.

Holyroodhouse lies just a few hundred vards from the Scottish parliament. For the Princess to become a neighbour to politicians charting Scotland's future might be criticised as mere symbolism, but symbolism can be a powerful riposte to the lures of separatism.

A royal resident would remind Scots of the shared values that, even with devolution, bind the United Kingdom, Leaving the palace empty, bar the few weeks each year when the Queen makes it her home. could be cited by the SNP as evidence of an absent, uncaring monarchy, for whom Scotland is little more than a place for holidays. The Royal Family has a crucial. cohesive role to play in tempering Scottish separatism. The pageantry of monarchy might seem out of step with the modernism of new Labour, but it serves as a buckle for the Union and an emblem of continuity.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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peace negotiators

From Professor Emeritus Adrian Hastings

Sir. While they prepare for the recommencement of the talks on Kosovo in two weeks time, I suggest that the leaders of Nato ponder four near-certainties.

First, that the war cannot stop without actual Nato intervention. If it does not stop oow, it will go on and on, with ever greater destruction and massacre on the Bosnian model. Nato's reputation will be in shreds and its threats will no longer carry the slightest weight.

Second, that the Kosovan claim to independence is very reasonable and its eventual achievement next to inevitable. Everything now happeninevitable. Everything now happen-ing, and that has happened since 1989, makes it almost unthinkable that they should agree to remain yoked to Serbia. To close the road to future independence by not allowing for a referendum, even in five years time. is as gravely undemocratic as it would

be in the case of Scotland. Third, that, paradoxical as it may seem, the only way to save the sur-viving Serb minority from extinction is to ensure Kosovan self-government now, with firm minority safeguards. The longer the war continues, the more certain it is that the Serb community will be so antagonised towards its Albanian neighbours that it will not survive.

Fourth, that Milosevic does not care in the least what happens to the Serb minority, any more than he cared about the fate of the Serbs of Krajina. What he cares about is that he stays in power in Belgrade.

Yours, ADRIAN HASTINGS, 3 Hollin Hill House. 219 Oakwood Lane, Leeds LS8 2PE. February 26.

'Unsafe' IRA conviction

From Mr Robert Rhodes, QC

Sir, His Honour Joseph Dean (letter, February 17) finds it difficult to see the iustification for the Court of Appeal's recent quashing of the conviction of the alleged IRA terrorist. Nicholas Mullen, because he had been illegally deported from Zimbabwe rather than going through the proper extradition

The justification is simple. As Lord Griffiths pointed out in the House of Lords in Bennett v Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court (1993), the judiciary accept a responsibility for the maintenance of the rule of law that, inter alia. refuses to countenance behaviour threatening either basic human rights or the rule of law.

Perhaps another way of putting it is that once the courts allow the executive to stoop to this sort of misconduct, they are reducing themselves to the same level as the allegedly wicked men they are trying.

Yours faithfully. ROBERT RHODES. 4 King's Bench Walk, Temple, EC4Y 7DL.

From Mr Charles G. Bloke

Sir, His Honour Joseph Dean thinks that the Court of Appeal should not have allowed the appeal of Nicholas Mullen merely because of gross illegality by the Crown before the trial occurred. But this is the effect of the Criminal Appeal Act 1995 which replaced the previous test of "unsafe or unsatisfactory" by the unitary test of

Before 1995 this would have been dealt with as an unsatisfactory verdict. There was nothing unfair about the trial process but, rather, the benaviour of the Crown was, according to the court, so bad as to require the sanction of quashing the conviction. That approach is now denied to the Court of Appeal. It had to force this case into the mould of "unsafe" when the safety of the conviction was not truly in issue.

The Home Secretary should look again at the 1995 Act. Whether illegality by the Crown can ever justify acquitting a defendant of a most serious crime is itself a maner to be reconsidered.

Yours faithfully, CHARLES G. BLAKE, 46 Linden Gardens, W4 ZEH. xdu57@dial.pipex.com February 17.

Seeing red

From Mr D. A. Lycett

Sir, Rose-ringed parakeets may be glamorous to look at and may well "do no harm to anybody" (Weekend, February 20), but I can vouchsafe that they need "keeping an eye on". I have found them very destructive to the chestnut and winter-flowering prunus trees; also the blossom and red berries are nipped from the base of the cotoneaster shrub and let fall.

These used to be a lovely sight at the appropriate time of year but now, with the advent of these birds, I count myself lucky if in spring the chestnut has a quarter (probably less) of what it

used to display.

These invaders should not be viewed through rose-tinted spectacles, no maner how colourful they are.

Yours faithfully. D. A. LYCETT. 9 The Paddocks. Broadstairs, Kent CT10 3AJ. February 23.

Priorities for Nato Low gear urged in drive to euro

From Mr G. T. L. Rose

Sir, As an instinctive pro-European with over 40 years' involvement in voluntary work for the Conservatives. was delighted to read the article by Mary Ann Sieghart, "Young, free and anti-single market" (February 26). I find it quite wrong that moderate members of the party such as myself should be labelled as right-wing xenophobes because we cannot support an early entry by the UK into economic and monetary union.

Should sterling be abandoned in favour of the euro, this country will have made an irreversible decision which will surely lead eventually to a federal Europe. This may come to be seen as the right economic answer within the next few years and, per haps, in the longer term, also the right political answer. But the case is far from proven and I can only wish Mary Ann Sieghart, David Owen and their group every success in their campaign at least to delay the

G. TIMOTHY L. ROSE, Ennerdale, Clifton, Ashbourne DE6 2GR. February 27.

From Mr Clive Webster

Sir. As one who trades with most EU countries and many in other continents. I believe that the euro. like the US dollar, should become an excellent vehicle for inter-European and international trade,

However, the concerns which were so well identified in your leader, "Five tests for Europe" [February 24; letters, February 25, 26, 27], could be largely overcome if only the European governments concerned had agreed to a longer and more flexible transition, with the euro running in tandem with nacional currencies.

Business leaders and politicians are becoming increasingly polarised in their views. Yet both sides have valid arguments which would be largely overcome if we were permitted a longer period of transition to prepare our economy for the single currency.

Voters in our referendum, when it comes, should not be presented with a "euro yes or no" question when they may well want to vote "yes" for the euro and "no" or "not yet" for abo-lition of the pound. It would therefore be better to delay the referendum, too. The problems outlined in your lead-

er are of immense consequence for all EU countries; but there is a sixth test, namely the intention of the EU to incorporate the former Eastern bloc countries in a very few years. Bearing in mind the impact that unification had, and still has, on the German economy and the mark, we should remain very cautious about abolishing the pound until those countries are fully integrated into the EU and performing to the Maastricht criteria.

Yours faithfully, CLIVE WEBSTER, Clive Webster Limited. Shoelands, Seale, Farnham, Surrey GUI0 IHL February 25.

From Mr B. E. Danton Sir, The Danes initially voted against acceptance of the conditions set out in the Maastricht treaty. Subsequently these conditions were accepted after a second vote.

If, in the forthcoming referendum. the British people reject acceptance of the euro how many referenda will be necessary before, in the eyes of the Government, we "get it right"?

Yours sincerely. B. E. DANTON, 20 Mere Close, Newport, Shropshire TF10 7OL. brian danson@

mere-close.freeserve.co.uk February 28.

From Mr Rupert Pepper

Sir, I see Mr Paddy Ashdown considers the Government has "crossed the Rubicon" with the Prime Minister's National Changeover Plan (report. February 24). Would this be the treacherous and megalomaniac act of Julius Caesar in 49BC, which plunge his powerful nation into years of civil wars and social and economic misery, earning its perpetrator a violent end within five years at the hands of his closest associates? Or does Mr Ashdown mean another Rubicon?

Yours faithfully, RUPERT PEPPER, Trinity College, Cambridge CB2 ITQ. February 24.

Sale of art fakes

From Mr John Pittuck

Sir, While respecting David Gould's original works of art fletter. February 22) I am not sure I can agree with his sweeping reference to much of modern art as "questionable rubhish".

What distinguishes the importance of any work of art, as I see it, lies not in the facility with which its technical style can be copied, but in less obvious and unscientific criteria. If it were otherwise the admired painstakingness of the Pre-Raphaelites would take precedence over the Impressionists and the uniqueness and invention of Matisse and Picasso among others.

Of course, the wheat needs to be sorted from the chaff in any age. Sad-ly, we find today a small handful of undeserving lightweights and their patrons receiving the bulk of the publicity. This should oot detract from the many serious artistic developments in our time which will endure. It is unfair to paint the majority of

modern artists with the same brush. Yours sincerely

JOHN PITTUCK. Hillside Cottage, 62 Dunmow Road, Bishop's Stortford CM23 5HL. February 22.

Labour and tax

From Mr R. Mallace

Sir. In the leaflet enclosed with my 1999-2000 tax coding, the Inland Revenue explains that (to use its example) a 60-year-old married man with a total annual income of £5,500, who previously paid no tax, will now have to pay £43 tax because of changes to the married man's allowance.

This from a Government whose venality would make many dictators gasp in envy. Yours sincerely,

R MALLACE, 3 Hinton House Farm Cottages, Byfield, Daventry, Northamptonshire NNII 3QT. mallace@mcmail.com February 23.

Nuclear power

From Sir Crispin Tickell Sir. Sir James Hann (letter, February

10) is quite right to call for an authoritative, independent study" on the future civil uses of nuclear energy. The Royal Insotute of International Affairs has already identified this need, and I act as chairman of a steering group to set up just such a study within the institute's energy and

environment programme. We propose to run a series of work shops focusing on the more controversial topics, including waste disposal, safety, proliferation, economic viability and competition with other forms of energy. It would bring participants from a wide range of backgrounds together in a neutral forum. The aim of these workshops is not ferent points of view, probably an im-

to reach agreement between the difpossible task, but to achieve a better understanding of the possibilities, in the hope that such information would help governments and the public worldwide to understand the issues and so help the decision-making process.

financial and moral, from Sir James and others who want an impartial scrutiny of the vital issues involved.

We look forward to support, both

Yours faithfully. CRISPIN TICKELL, The Royal Institute of International Affairs. 10 St James's Square, SWIY 4LE.

Biographers' place From Mr F. G. R. Fisher

Sir, Where do biographers perch? This problem has exercised me for a number of years. It cropped up again today when I read in John Lowe's biography of John Sparrow (Harper-Collins, 1998): "When John came to Winchester..." Other biographers speak of their subjects "coming to Oxford" and, a chapter or two later, "coming to Liverpool".

Do biographers actually seek lodging in these places before they pen the

relevant paragraphs? Yours faithfully, ROBSON FISHER Craig Cottage, Lower Street, Dittisham, Nr Dartmouth, Devon TO6 0HY.

From Sir Michael Moore, Director General of the

February 22.

Institution of Mechanical Engineers Sir. What a good letter from Professor lan Fells (February 10), advocating the virtue of nuclear power.

This institution was commissioned in June 1998 by the Engineering Council to produce views for the en-gineering profession and Govern-ment on energy for the 21st century. Nuclear energy is very much part of that equation.

However, we also need a balanced portfolio of primary fuels which recognises the UK's indigenous resources, coupled with the best available technologies, whether coal, gas, oil. nuclear or renewable energy.

How this can best be achieved in a market economy, which needs lowestcost energy, has to be addressed by the politicians taking account of technical, economic and commercial advice.

We await action.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL MOORE. Director General, Institution of Mechanical Engineers, l Birdcage Walk, SWIH 9.U. m moore@imeche.org.uk February 10.

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End of 'subsidy' for classical music

From the Chief Executive of the Performing Right Society

Sir, The protest by Dr Donald Mitchell and five composers over our decision to cease subsidising live performances of classical music (letter, Febru-

ary 23) needs to be seen in context.

A report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission in 1996 charged the Performing Right Society with making its distributions fairer, more accurate and more transparent. This has been achieved through an exten-sive two-year market research project which produced a statistically valid model for collecting performance information and for apportioning royal-

ries more accurately than ever before. We have therefore decided to remove all "hidden" special compensatory payments via royalty distributions, without value judgments which single out any particular genres of music. The phasing out of the classical music subsidy in its current form is in the same spirit of greater accuracy, fair-ness and transparency. Membership consultation has shown no majority

support for a classical music subsidy. The vast majority of our present subsidy to classical music is paid to music publishers and the estates of deceased composers, most of whom are not British. Far from the effect of its withdrawal being "devastaring", only II per cent of it is paid to living British composers.

Although such subsidy will cease by 2002, we shall certainly continue supporting classical music, but in a more focused and transparent way.

Yours faithfully, JOHN HUTCHINSON, Chief Executive. Performing Right Society, 29-33 Berners Street, WIP 4AA. February 22

From Mr Trevor Glover and others

Sir, The implications of the unilateral decision by the PRS will affect contemporary classical music in this country for years to come. Such music involves major investment by publishers, especially in the preparation of performance materials for large orchestral forces, and there is usually a long period before a new classical work gains public recognition. These costs, often unrecouped for decades, are funded by the publishers' share of these very revenues, which this deci-

sion has cut almost in half. This comes as the final straw, following a series of changes to PRS distribution methods in the last decade which have all had an adverse effect on classical earnings in the UK. For example, a typical performance of a 20-minute work in the Queen Elizabeth Hall which earned around £275 in 1994 currently earns £180; after removal of the subsidy, this sum will fall to around £90, shared be-

tween composer and publisher. These are desperate days indeed for publishers, composers and their estates in Britain, and the PRS decision will be viewed with incredulity in the international world of music, which still regards the fundamental contribution of the UK publishing community to be a benchmark for the creation. encouragement and promotion of contemporary classical music. We urge the PRS board to suspend abolition of

the subsidy. Yours faithfully, TREVOR GLOVER. Managing Director, Boosey & Hawkes, CHRIS BUTLER. Director, Novello & Co. SALLY GROVES, Head, Contemporary Music, Schott Ltd. MARTIN KINGSBURY. BEN NEWING. Head, Business Affairs, Universal Edition, JAMES RUSHTON, Director, Chester Music 295 Regent Street, WIR 8JH.

Brit-spotting

From Lady Bowman

Sir, Mr M. D. Jervis asks if British women are as recognisable abroad as their male counterparts (letter, February 26; see also letters, January 29. February 6, 13, 18 and 20).

I can only report that, emerging from the sea at a trendy French beach having swum round from an adjoining cove. I was immediately addressed in English. But could it have been because 1

was wearing a one-piece bathing-dress with a skirt? Yours faithfully, CHRISTIAN BOWMAN, The Walled Garden, Chamberlain Street

February 26.

Wells. Somerset BA5 2PE.

From Mrs Carole Howman Sir, Whilst holidaying in Paxos, 1 went for an early morning swim in the bay. Anchored about a quarter of a mile away was a magnificent yacht,

which I swam towards and around. When I had completed the circuit a guttural voice called out "Go away English woman!" Being from Yorkshire I proceeded to swim round three more omes.

Yours sincerely, CAROLE HOWMAN, Hillbrow, Church Green, Great Wymondley, Hitchin, Hertfordshire SG4 7ES. February 26.



SOCIAL NEWS

Today's royal

engagements The Queen will hold a reception at Buckingham Palace at 6 for the winners of The Queen's Award for Export, "echnology and Environnental Achievement. The Prince of Wales will launch the Welsh Beef Promotion Campaign at the Celtic Manor Hotel Golf and Country Club, Newport, South Wales, at 11.45

The Princess Royal will visit Bath University Sports Training VIllage, Bath, Somerset, at 2.30. Princess Alexandra will attend a reception at the Victoria and Albert Museum London, SW7, 7.15.

Baroness O'Neill of Bengarve

The life barony conferred upon Miss Onora Sylvia O'Neill has been gazened by the name, style and title of Baroness O'Neill of Bengarve, of The Braid in the County c. Antrim.

Devon Lieutenancy The Earl of Iddesleigh has been appointed Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Devon. Greater Manchester

Lieutenancy Mr L Duncan Lawton has been appointed Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester.

Sir William Mars Jones A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir William Mars-Jones will be held in Gray's Inn Chapel at 5pm today.

Gerald Corcoran A requiem mass will be said for the repose of the soul of Gerald Stuart Corcoran at 10.30am on Wednesday, April 14, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London, WI.

Reception

English-Speaking Union
A reception in honour the work of
Professor and Mrs H.R. Duhme was held on Saturday at Dart-mouth House, Mr William Glover was the host at the reunion of the recipients of the English-Speaking Union Bell Tower Scholarship Birthdays today

Birthdays today
Lady Rose Windsor is 19 today.
Other birthdays include:
Mr Harry Belafonte, singer and actor, 72; Mr David Broome, show jumper. 59; Mr Douglas Bunn, founder. All England Jumping Course, Hickstead, 71; Sir Robert Calderwood, former chief executive, Strathclyde Regional Council, 67; Miss Florence Calvert, former Principal, St Mary's College, Durham, 87; Mr Leslie Christie, trade unionist. 60; Mr David Comins, unionist. 60; Mr David Comins, Rector, Glasgow Academy, 51; Mr Roger Daltrey, actor and rock singer, 55; Mr Andrew Faulds, former MP and actor, 76; Sir Allan Green, QC, former Director of Public Prosecutions, 64; Air Chief Marshal Sir Lewis Hodges, 81; Sir Michael Kerr, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 78. Commodore Timo-thy Laurence, 44; Professor James Lister, paediatric surgeon, 76; Mr John Napier, stage designer, 55; Commandant Dame Nancy Rob-ertson, former director, WRNS, 90; Major-General P.T. Tower, 82: Sir Gerald Whent, former non-execu-tive chairman, Vodafone, 72.

Service dinners

33rd (Lancashire and Cheshire) Major-General I.O.J. Sprackling, Master of Signals, attended a dinner of the 33rd (Lancashire and Cheshire) Signal Regiment (Volun-teers) held on Saturday in Liver-pool which marked the retirement of Brigadier LR.D. Shapter as Honorary Colonel of the Regi-ment. Lieutenant-Colonel R.J. Steed presided. Professor P. Toyne, Vice-Chancellor of Liverpool John Moore's University, was installed as the new Honorary Colonei.

Guif War Jaguar Pilots

Group Captain G.W. Pixton presided at a Gulf War memorial dinner of the Gulf War Jaguar Pilots Association held on Saurrday at the Bosworth Hall Hotel, Market Bosworth. Squadron Leader David Waddington was the guest

Korean Veterans

The address for those wishing information about the British Korean Veterans Association reunion is 38 Spring Street, London W2 UA.

Nature notes

THE first coots are building their reedy nests at the edges of lakes. They stand tall on them and look out for rivals. When the males fight they are very fierce, sometimes forcing their enemy's head under water and drowning him. Their relatives, the moorhens, have also started sparring vigorously.

Starlings are singing around their nest holes in trees and gutters: among the babbling notes of their song, a stands out. Skylarks are singing steadily over the fields and moors: they stay above the patch of corn or heather in which they will nest, and swoop down to chase other skylarks out of it. In the woods, the gruff cooing of the stock doves can be heard. They are a bluer grey than the



wood pigeons, and have a green, not a white, neck patch, but they are shyer than wood Ou sallow trees, silver catkins are opening, coated with bright yellow pollen. On horse-chestnut trees the sticky buds are getting very fat. Bright green leaves are sprouting on the wild rose bushes. where the remains of last year's hips hang like small black prunes. DJM

The night sky in March

By Michael J. Henorie ASTRONOMY CORRESPONDENT

MERCURY should be visible in the west after sunset, the -0.5 magnitude inner planet setting nearly two hours after the Sun on the 3rd when it will be at greanest eastern elongation (18 degrees). It will fade quickly as it closes with the Sun to pass between the Earth and Sun at inferior conjunction on the 19th. Then a morning object until late May, it will remain too close to the Sun for

Venus is a brilliant evening star of 3.9 magnitude, not setting until 22h in late March. This evening apparition lasts until early August. Crescent Moon to the south on the 19th. Saturn to the south on the 20th.

Mars is in Libra rising by 2th in late March. During the month it brightens from 0 m · 1 magni-nuce. Its eastward or direct motion through Libra will be halted on the 18th when it reaches a stationary point and it will then a stationary point and it will then begin in move westwards against the stars (retrograde motion) as it approaches opposition on 24th April. The Moon will be in the north on the 6th-7th. Jupiter is around -2.0 magnitude and moves from Pisces into Cetus in March. It will be low in the west the left and become lest in on the 1st and become lost in evening twilight by mid-month as it approaches conjunction with the Sun on 1st April.

Saturn is 0.7 magnitude and moves from Pisces to Cetus in late March, setting only 2 hours after the Sun by the 31st. Moon near by on the 19th. Uranus is in Capricornus rising about 04h by the 31st. Moon to the north on the 14th. Neptune is also in Capricornus rising about 40 minutes before Uranus. Moon to the north on the 13th-14th. Both planets require optical aid, Uranus being 5,7 and Neptune 7.9 magnitude.
The Moon: Full Moon 2d 07h,

Last quarter 10d 09h, New Moon 17d 19h, First quarter 24d 10h and Full Moon 3ld 23h. There are two full Moons (not five as was stated inadvertently last month) this March as there were in January. The bright star Regulus in Leo will be near the Moon on the 1st and again on the 28th. The waxing crescent Moon will be near Aldebaran on the 22nd.

The Spring Equinox, when the Sun crosses the equator from south to north, occurs at 21d 02h. Early March presents an op-portunity to see all the naked eye planets before midnight. Nearest the western horizon will be Mercury, always seen in twilight from our latitude. Jupiter is brighter than Mercury and a little higher in the sky. Both

Dinner

10 King's Beach Walk

A dinner in honour of Mr

Winston Roddick, QC, on his

appointment as Counsel General to the National Assembly of

Wales, was given by his cham-bers, 10 King's Bench Walk, Temple, at the Mermaid Event &

Conference Centre, on Saturday.

February 27, 1999. The mast was proposed by Mr Ronald Thwaites, QC, Head of Chambers, and Mr Roddick responded. A painting was presented to Mr Roddick by Mr Georges Khayat, QC, Deputy Head of Chambers,

Greenwich and earlier by a like amount if the

The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon in the latitude of London at 23h Upm at the beginning, 22h (10pm) in the middle, and 21h (9pm) at the end of the month, local mean time. At places away from the Greenwich meridian, the Greenwich times at which the diagram applies are later than the above by one hour for each 15 deg west of

place be east. The map should be turned so that the horizon the observer is facing (shown by the words around the circle) is at the bottom, the zenith being at the centre. Greenwich Mean Time, known to astronomers as Universal Time and expressed in 24-koor notation, is used in the accompanying potes unless otherwise stated.

but hard to see after the 10th. Above Jupiter and unmistakably bright is Venus and above Venus will be Saturn. Venus will overtake Sanum on the 20th (minimum separation about 3 degrees) and Saturn will then lie below Venus, in turn to move into

twilight in early April.

The remaining naked eye planet, Mars, can be found in the eastern sky but not until after 23h (lipm) when it rises to the south of east. Mars is in Libra, a constellation without bright stars, but it should be readily identifiable by its reddish hue and brightness. and brightness.

Given good weather the naked eye observer has a chance of seeing Mercury during periods lasting about ten days that occur only three or four times each year. Mercury will be seen only near the eastern (morning) or

on behalf of chambers. Mrs Rocklick and Daniel and Helen

Among the guests were: Previous heads of chambers, His Honour Bernard Lewis and Mrs

Lewis, His Honour Henry Palmer and Mrs Palmer, and Judge Renneth Zucker. QC, and Mrs Zucker. Lord Houson, QC, and Lady Houson, Sir Maldwyn and Lady Thomas, Judge Prosser, QC, and Mrs Prosser, Judge Monto-Davies, QC, Mr Gerald Moriaty, QC, and Mrs Moriaty, Mr Michael Beresford-West, QC, Mr Joseph Harper, QC, Mr Michael Douglas, QC, and Mr

Mr Joseph Harper, QC, Mr Michael Douglas, QC, and Mr and Mrs John Evans.

Roddick were also present.

twilight and will never be high in the sky during darkness. The sky near the horizon needs to be very

clear and free from obstructions. Opportunities to see Mercury this year occur in the evening, again in June-July (when the sky will be very bright) and in the morning in December. It is unlikely that any stars will be seen near it because of the bright sky so naming the constellation it is in is usually of little help. One can only advise a search near the horizon after sunset or before sumrise. As it gets darker it will become more noticeable but it will also ger lower and become fainter, so it may not be seen for more than 20 minutes or so, the reverse is true in the morning. Binoculars can help one to find it after which it often can be seen quite easily without them. Hav-ing found it the first evening for

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er's Day this year is Saturday,

The next Old Epsomian dinner

will be held on Saturday, October

23, 1999, at Epsom College.

morning) fix it in relation to a tree

or other ground object.

Venus is so bright that finding it is no problem. Like Mercury it is never in the south late at night. though it can set only shortly before midnight, as in May this year, in a good year like 1999 it appears on the charts (April-

June) as an evening object.

Because Marss orbit is not much larger than the Earth's it takes a long time for the Earth to overtake it. The effect is for Mars to be visible for more than a year and then be missing from the night sky for much of the next year. This year it is at opposition (closest to the Sun) to April after which it will remain in the evening sky into 2000.

iter and Saturn move in much larger orbits. Jupiter is brighter than any star and easily found but Sannn can be mista

Sherborne School

for Girls The Prince of Wales has accepted an invitation to the Centerary Celebrations at Sherborne School for Girls on Thursday, April 29, 1999. Old Girls are invited to attend whether or not they are members of the Old Girls Union. Details can be found in the latest Journal and will be put on the Web site (www.sherborne.com). Those who intend to take part should inform the Secretary, Sherborne School for Girls by March 15. They will then be sent tickets, information and the day's programme.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.R. Barton and Miss A.J. Bowen The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Colonel and Mrs G.H. Barton, of Whatton. Nottinghamshire, and Amanda, daughter of Mrs J.R. Cobain, of

Bournemouth, Dorset. Mr A.C. Count-Britton and Miss A.M. Hughes The engagement is announced between Alasdair Calum, eldest

between Alagoan Canin, each of Mr and Mrs Anthony Counts-Britton, of Supreme Head-quarters Allied Powers Europe, Moos, Belgium, and Alison Michelle, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Hughes, of Ellesmere, Namericke Mr K.N.E. Cox

and Miss J.M. Bradish-Ellames The engagement is announced between Kenneth, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter Cox, of Glendoick, Perthshire, and Jane, only daugh-ter of Lieutenam Colonel and Mrs Simon Bradish-Ellames, of North Warnborough, Hampshire.

Mr J.A. Harding and Miss L.B.E. Shelford

The engagement is announced between James Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs Keith Harding. of Broadstairs, Kent, and Laura Beatrice Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Shelford, of Chailey, East Sussex.

Mr A.P.F. Pincett

and Miss L.J. Friedberger
The engagement is announced between Andrew Pietro Fitch. younger son of Mir and Mirs Gerald Pincon, of Heathfield, East Susser, and Lucinda Jane, young-er daughter of Major-General and Mrs John Friedberger, of Whitchurch, Hampshire.

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and Miss L.R.M. Newton
The engagement is announced
between Warren, son of Mr J.W.
Muschialli and Mrs J. Schroeter
of Melbourne, Australia, and Lucinda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Newton, of Manor Park, Ripe, East Sussex.

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Mr. H.S. Shirley and Miss L.K.N. Durdin-Robertson and Miss L.K., Durdin-Robertson
The engagement is announced
between Hugh, younger son of
Major and Mrs John Shirley, of
Ormly Hall, Ramsey, Isle of Man.
and Lucy, youngest daughter of
the late Rev and Mrs Lawrence
Durdin-Robertson, of Humington
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and Miss H.E. Pomeroy The engagement is announced between lain, elder son of Mr and

Mrs John Weatherby, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, and Emily, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Pomeroy, of Osming-

Marriage

Mr M.A. du Ry van Beest Holle and Miss I.A. de Gier The marriage took place on February 27, 1999, at All Saints Church Ham, Wiltsbire, between Mr Maire-Antoine du Ry van Beest Holle, son of Professor and Mrs Charles du Ry van Beest Holle, of Cape Town, and Miss Imke Anne de Cier, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hans de Gier, of Ham Manor,

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Caroline of Ansbach, consort of King George II, Ansbach, 1683; Sir Samuel Romil-ly, lawyer, London, 1747; Frederic Chopin, composer, Zelanowa Wota, Poland, 1810: Augustus Pu-gin, architect of the Gothic revival, London, 1812: Lytton Strachey, writer, London, 1880; Roger Mar tin du Gard, novelist, Nobel laureaue 1937, Neuilly-sur-Seine. 1881; Oskar Kokoscha, painter, Pochlara, Austria, 1886; Glenn Miller, band leader, Clarinda, Iowa, 1904; David Niven, actor, London, 1910: Robert Lowell, poet; Boston, Massachusetts, 1917.

DEATHS: Thomas Campion, musician and poet, London, 1620; poet, Salisbury, 1633; Edward Moore, writer, London, 1575; George Grossmith, co-author of The Diary of a Nobody, London, 1912; Gabriele D'Ansunzio, poet, dramatist and nationalist, Cardone Riviera, Italy, 1938; Jackie Coogan, actor, 1984. Today is the Festival of St David. the patron saint of Wales,

The 20-month-old son of the American aviator Charles Lind-bergh was ladnapped from his mursery, 1932. -Americans tested a hydrogen bomb at Bikini Atoll, 1954. Archbishop Makarios ended his exile and returned to Cyprus, 1959. The Soviet unmanned spacecraft

Venus 3 landed on Venus, 1966

Leap-year anniversaries
BIRTHS: Am Lee, founder of the
American sect of Shakers, Manchester, 1736; Gioacthino Rossinia)
composer, Pesaro, Italy, 1792; John
Philip Holland, submarine pioner, Listannon, Co Clare, 1840. DEATHS: John Whitgift, Archbishop of Canterbury 1583-1604. London, 1604: Edward Frederic Benson, novelist, London, 1940. The St Cotthard Tunnel was completed, linking Switzerland and Italy, 1880.

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FLOWER - On February lat 1999 at the John Radeliffa Hospital, Oxford, to Harristt (née Sinciair) and David, a son, Edward George Hugo, a brother for Allos.

ENTINGS - On 22nd February to Emma (née Burch) and Robin, a daughter, Rachel Katharine

DEATHS

BECKER - Rolf. On 24th RECKEN - Roll. On 24th February after a short illness. Aged 57 years. Guys Hospital Deutal School 1960-1965. Memorial Service at 3.00 year on Saturday. 20th en on Saturday 20th Aarch at St Mary's Jaurch, Burstall, Sulfolk

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Elizabeth (nie Lacy) on
February 25th, peacafully
at home. Beloved wife of
the late Donald Bottomley
dearly loved and loving
Mother of Iane and Frue
and davoted Grandmother
of Jamea, Andrea, Daryi
and Alexander, Funeral
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on 25th February 1999
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har beloved hasband John
and ber devoted children,
Simon, Martin, Edward,
Jane, Hugh, Vincent,
Testa, Kate, Giles and
Lixy and in the prayers of
her sister Pegs, her three
sons-in-law, six
daughters-in-law and
thirty two grandchildren,
Requiem Mass at St
Osmundt, Barnes on 5th
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Childrens Pilgrimage
Trust, 100A High Street,
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2RB.

CORKE - Marjory Hilds of Chesm, peacefully on 24th February aged 87 years, leaves busband Cilbert and daughters Linds and Hilary, who will sadly miss her. Funcal on Wednesday 2rd March at 3 pm Randails Park Crematerium, Lestherhead.

GOOD - Richard George
Good OBE agad 34 years,
pescafully in Aldbourne
Nursing Home on
February 36th Much loved
father of Tony, Dudley,
David, Paul, Carole and
Roger, Funeral service at
St Michael's Church, BrayOn-Thames on Monday
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further information from
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Directors, Newbury,
Berks, tel 01635 522:10. A
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held at St Lawrence
Church, Hungerford on
Friday April 16th at 11.30
am.

GOOWN - David Captain
R.N., of Woodgreen.
Fordingbridge, peacefully
in his sleep at son in the
West Indies on February
33th. Much loved hughand
of the late Aline and father
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Thanksgiving at St
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JONES - Donald Keith died pescafully on February 25th aged 68. Dearly loved husband of Barbara and devoted father of Amanda, Funeral Service at 5t Mary and 5t Nicholas Parish Church, Leatherhead on Fideral March 5th Church, Leatherhead on Friday March 5th at Friday March 5th at 11.45sm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if deared to The British Heart Foundation c/o Sconenan Funeral Service, Doran Court, Reignte Road, Redhill.

KOCHANGEU - On February
28th, pescafully in the
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KONSTAM - Dr Halen Lorns, née Dunn, beloved wife of Dr Geoffrey LS Konstam deceased and mother of Gevin, Nigol and Gemma, on February 25th seed 97. Funeral service at Golders Groen Crematorium Monday, March 8th at 2.45pm. Flowers to Kanyon, 33 Westbourpe Grove, W2.

LEE - Irene Norsh (née Green). On Thursday 25th February died pescetully in her siesp at Calarred; Nursing Froms. Widow of Alfred Robert Lee, dearly loved mother of Rosemary and Jennifer and much loved Grandmother and Greet-Grandmother and Greet-Grandmother; Funeral service at Woking Crematorium on Friday 5th March at 230 pm. Family flowers only.

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MORGAN - On Ismusry 19th 1999 in an secident at Sidmouth, Meliass A. L... Morgan B.A., Solicitor, dearest sweetest daughter of Evelyn A. L.L. Morgan, and of Christine Bathurst, devoted and affectionste sister of Calia, and twin of the late Ismes. Memorial service at Pirbright Village Church, Thursday 4th March, 3 pm. Family flowers only. Others please send donations to National Missing Persons Helplins, 284-6 Upper Richmond Road West, SW14 7JE.

OVERTON - Claire-Marie
(née Binet), peacefully on
litch February 1999. In
Switzerland after a long
illness, surrounded by
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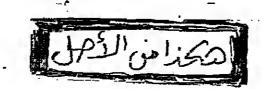
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LADY PANSY LAMB

Lady Pansy Lamb, writer, died on February 19 aged 94. She was born on May 18, 1904.

aughter of an earl. bohemian, blue stocking and devoted fan the Pope, Lady Pansy Lamb surprised everybody but herself. Painted almost continuously by her Bloomsbury husband. Henry Lamb, she be etained the unselfconscious. anismine charm of her youth into her nineoes. Her sisier-in-law, Christine, the Countess of Longford, described her, seventy years befure, as "a blonde angel ner eyes lakes of blue, and her 'tints' - as the Victorians would have called them - like wild

But ideas were always more important to Pansy than appearances. Perhaps this made her the perfect subject for Henry Lamb, 20 years her senior and already once married to a famous Bloomsbury model and free been Lady Otteline Morrell's lover and Carrington's inumate. and in later years he entertained his nieces with stories of being chased round the rockery by Lytton Strachey, whose lust was constrained by his trousers falling round his knees.

Lady Pansy's feelings about her husband's Bloomsbury friends remain obscure, though she recently criticised their manners as "rather gauche". Nevertheless, at her 90th hirthday party she fell into anima-ted conversation with Frances

England, by then, was only a holiday destination to her, for at the age of 75 her allegiance to Pope John Paul II prompted her to a new life in Rome, where she lived unol her death.

Lady Margaret Pansy Felicia Lamb was the second child and eldest daughter of the Earl and Countess of Longford, (The family were ennobled by "that brute Cromwell", as John Betjamin pul it.) Her younger brother, Frank Longford, inherited the earldom when his brother Edward died without an heir in 1961. Her younger sisters are the writers Lady Mary Clive, who published a memoir of her growing up, Brought Up and Brought Out, and Lady Violet Powell, who married the novelist Anthony Powell and also published a family memuir, Five Out of Six. The fourth sister, Lady Julia, was the mother of the Editor of The Times Literary

Supplement, Ferdinand Mount.

Calin Purbrook.

jazz planist and double

bass player, died in

London on February 5.

aged 62. He was born io

Scaford, Sussex, on February 26, 1936.

ANY American jazz musician

visiting Britain who wanted a

sympathetic and knowledgeable

accompanist needed to look no

further than Colin Purbrook.

The list of world-famous mus-

icians he played fivr during the 1960s and 1970s is remarkable

and included Benny Carter.

Devier Gurdon and Eddie Lock-

On the London stage he spent some number in 1987 at the

Donniar accompanying the Memphis-born singer Dec Dec

Bridgewater in her title role as

"Lady Day", and not long before

that he had directed the British

band that took over from the oriemal American musicians in

the London production of One

Last year, having won une

battle in his lnng war against

cancer, he proved that his talents

were undingmed when he ap-

peared at the Brecon Festival and on Radin 3 with the all-star

hand Tennr Gladness, with the

American saxophonists Scott

Hamilton, Ken Peplowski and

Harry Allen, and the veteran

Although Purhrook was

happy in almost all styles of

swing drummer Jake Hanna.

Roland Walter (Tiny) Row-

and, principal shareholder in



Henry Lamb's last portrait of his wife, Lady Pansy, dating from 1947

children became fatherless when the Earl of Longford was killed leading a charge at Gallipoli, pipe in mouth. His last words were: "I wish you would stop ducking Fred. The men don't like it and it doesn't do any good." Family life conduced as before. divided between England, Aston Hall in Oxfordshire, London and Ireland, where the family home boasted 130 rooms and extensive castellations and turrets, plus water garden. Chinese gardens and long walls of hothouses. Throughout her life Lady Pansy paid it an annual visit.

School was not comme il faut for the older two girls, and Pansy's famously encyclopaedic The Longfords were soldiers knowledge arose from a passion began the first of two novels, The David Cecil, Cecil Beaton, L. P. Lady Pansy Lamb is surviand sailors, and in 1915 the six for books and a phenomenal Old Expedient, which was even-Hartley, Kenneth Clark and by two daughters and a son.

Iraditional and mainstream jazz.

he made his name in the

forward-looking British mod-

ernist movement of the 1960s.

Shortly after coming down from

Fitzwilliam College. Cambridge, in 1957, he juined the icono-

clastic clarinettist Sandy Brown.

He began on bass but then

switched to piano at a time when

Brown's band was moving away

from New Orleans revivalism to

explore contemporary African

high-life music and original

compositions by the band's

After a couple of years in

which he gathered experience as

varied as playing in Kenny Ball's

band and on the Queen Mary, he naturally fell in with the core of

London's modern juzz musi-

cians, in bands such as the Allan

Ganley / Ronnie Ross Jazzmak-

ers (with which he spent several short spells) and the quintet led

hy Ronnie Scon and the trump-

cier Jimmy Deuchar, By 1961.

Purbrook had formed a working

partnership with the saxophonist

Tuny Coe, and they worked together often in the 1960s, later

renewing that association in the

1980s on the set of Lady Day, in

which Coe played the grouchy saxophonist who was the foil for

Bridgewater's portrayal of Billie

component of the revue Beyond

Purhrook's stage career began

members.

memory. Her thirst for knowledge was certainly not satisfied by the world of London debutantes, where an earl's daughter was expected to find a husband in the Twenties, so the rebellious Pansy took a job in the office of the architect George Kennedy, through whom she met Henry Lamb. At that time she was sharing a flat with Evelyn Gardener, whom she introduced to Evelyn Waugh, which resulted in the disastrous union of she-Evelyn and he-Evelyn. While waiting in the countryside for their respective marriages to be arranged (Lamb needed a divorce first), Evelyn Waugh wrote Decline and Foll and Pansy

COLIN PURBROOK

the Fringe. The following year he

played piano in the pioneering

Briosh modern jazz quintet joint-

ly led by Don Rendell and Ian

Carr, appearing on their album

Shodes of Blue. As the 1960s went on, he continued his associa-

oon with Coe, both men appear-

ing on a concert album cut in

1966 for the 77 label alongside the tenorist Tubby Hayes. By now

he had begun working with the

famous Americans, such as

Benny Goodman. Chet Baker

In 1977 he became musical

director of the show Bubbling

Brown Sugar, which enjoyed an

extended run at the Royalty

Theatre. He subsequently worked in several other shows, including

During the 1970s and 1980s, he

often led his own bands, varying

in size from a trio to a sexter, and

his trio was frequently used by

touring American soloists as a

regular rhythm section. The

theatrical and jazz sides of his

work were most happily com-

bined in his long association with the singer Annie Ross.

whom he accompanied un and

nff for more than 25 years, including residencies within the last three years at the Pizza on

the Park in Knightsbridge. His

most recent recordings include

the critically acclaimed 1996

and Art Farmer.

Rent Party in 1989.

tually published bearing a cover drawing by Waugh.

The Lambs set up home at Coombe Bissett in Wiltshire in 1928 and as Anthony Powell said.

"Henry threw himself into family life with the same sort of energy and enthusiasm he brought to everything he did." Soon they had three children. and because money was short (earls' daughters being on their own in that respect). Pansy continued her self-education by daily trips to Beaches secondhand bookshop just outside the Close in Salisbury, where she stood reading for hours. She had introduced her husband to a new circle of friends, including Lord

John Betjamen, who began a poem, "Oh the calm of Coombe Bissett is tranquil and deep ...

During the war Lamb was an official war artist and Pansy discovered one of several important heroes in her life, Charles de Gaulle. Two other heroic Char-leses, Charles 1 and the French Roman Catholic poet Charles Peguy, inspired her to write books. Her translation of Peguy's The Holy Innocence and other Poems was published in 1956 and suggests that her later conversion to Catholicism was not the sudden decision that many supposed. In 1960 Henry Lamb died, and

Pansy moved in rather reduced circumstances to Notting Hill Gate in London, where she took in exotic, mostly Romanian lodgers, helped at a home for the blind and, in a team of academics under Humphrey House, worked at her most scholarly occupation, working on the let ters of Dickens — another Charles — for the great Pilgrim Edicion.

However, in 1981, aged 75 with her eyesight already failing, she announced that she was going to live in Rome so as to be near to Pope John Paul II, whose real name was Karol (Charles) Woityla. Shortly after arriving there, she was received into the Catholic Church, and she soon knew more about the Vatican's treasures than many lifelong

Her flat, in the old quarter of Rome, was always ringing to the strains of Vatican Radio (in English, because she never mastered Italian - although she learnt Ancient Greek in her late sevenoes). The walls were cov-ered with Henry Lambs, the shelves filled with signed Evelyn Waughs and the air was thick with smoke from the cigarettes she never abandoned.

Despite semi-blindness, she walked everywhere, an indomitable upright figure, proud to avoid death by Roman traffic Several times a week she took up position under the portico of St Peter's as one of the official guides for English-si-eking visi-tors. Three years a_n) she en-joyed a private audience with the Pope, for which she swapped her usual red and brown peaked cap for a black lace mantilla, showing the depth of her feeling for the man whose "spiritual energy" she so admired. Her companion on that occasion noted that "she reverenced the Pope like a humble courtier reverencing Louis XIV - as well as thoroughly

enjoying the Vaocan gossip". Lady Pansy Lamb is survived

CLIVE BUTLER

Clive Butler, consulting surgeon to the London Hospital. 1937-69, died on January 25 aged 94. He was born on April 8, 1904.

NO PASSENGER on the maiden voyage of the Queen Mary in 1936 could have guessed that the handsome young ship's surgeon. Clive Butler, would soon be world-famous for his work with the first anobiotics. He was to serve more than 30 years as a surgeon at the London Hospital. sought after especially in cases of infection. Edward Clive Barber Butler's parents had both trained at the London (his father as a doctor, his mother as a nurse) and both had helped to care for "the Elephant Man" after his rescue by Sir Frederick Treves. Clive was head boy at Shrewsbury before entering the London Hospital Medical College in 1923. There he met Howard Florey, a young Australian microbiologist who was later to share the

Nobel Prize for his work on penicillin. Burler qualified in 1928 and was trained in surgery by the legendary Russell Howard. In his seven months on the Queen Mary he crossed the Atlance 30 times. making many friends, including Clifford Naunton Morgan, the colorectal surgeon. and Nancy Harrison, the vivacious American beauty who became his wife.

Out of the blue a vacancy arose at the London Hospital when a surgeon pricked his finger during an operation, developed a rapidly spreading infection and died, in spite of amputation first of the finger, and then of his arm, a grim but typical example of infection in the days before antibiotics. Butler was called in to take charge of the "septic block".

in those crowded wards the worst cases were those of osteomyelitis - infection of the bone - which was then treated by releasing the pus from the marrow cavity by cutting a deep gutter along the length of the infected booe and encasing the whole limb in plaster. This, regardless of stench or maggots, was not changed for weeks, in the hope of avoiding the septicaemia which killed 25 per cent of adults and 80 per cent of children.

Butler arrived in the wake of the discovery of the germ-killing effects of the red dye Prontosil, which was shown to be activated when it was changed in the body to sulphanilamide - which was casy to make and was not patented. It wrought miracles when infection was due to streptococcus, but not with staphylococcus, the usual cause of osteomyelins. No one learnt faster than Butler, who reported 500

cases in a Hunterian Lecture in 1940.
Suddenly, in 1944, things changed when, thanks to his old friend Hugh Cairns, who was working with Florey in Oxford. Butler was given a limited supply of penicillin. None of his next 21 patients died, and he soon showed that it was safe to close the wound within 7-10 days. The months of sorking plaster were over.

Shortly after VE-Day the Government

flew Butler and Alexander Fleming to Copenhagen to demonstrate the new methods. "Fleming was greeted with enormous enthusiasm." Butler wrote. "Little credit was given to the outstanding work done by Was given in the outstanding work that by Florey and his co-workers in Oxford during the war years. It is quite possible that without Florey's work, penicillin might never have been used on parients."

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casualties, Butler specialised in surgery of the large bowel and introduced new methods. He remained a general surgeon, but later developed a technique for removing cancers of the parotid gland, using an electric stimulator to protect the delicate branches of the lacial nerve.

Rather shy, he was a courteous and popular leacher, with an engaging foible of humming Lead, kindly light when in difficulties with the sigmoidoscope. He was never ruffled, even when an explosion again a light of the sigmoid scope. sion once singed his eyebrows. He became chairman of the Court of Examiners at the Royal College of Surgeons, and in recrement concinued as curator of the museum in his old medical college, in which were lovingly preserved the relics of his parents' friend and patient, Joseph. Merrick, the Elephant Man.

He was divorced in 1957, but he is survived by his daughter and two sons.

PROFESSOR DUNCAN MITCHELL

Duncan Mitchell, OBE, Professor of Sociology at Exeter University, 1967-85. died on January 25 aged 77. He was born on June 5, 1921.

AS A student at the London School of Economics after the war, Duncan Mitchell's studies included a course in sociology under Karl Popper, a class that produced

a profusion of future sociologists. In 1954, Mitchell was appointed to take charge of sociology in the philosophy department at Exeter, where, as the junior academic partner, responsible for a new subject and eager to expand it, he was aware of the danger of becoming a cuckoo in the departmental nest. Fortunately, the needs of his subject and its growing number of students were accommodated. Extra staff were appointed, and Mitchell was made head of department in 1963, and Professor of Sociology in 1967. Among his publications are Sociology: The Study of Social Systems (1959) and A Dictionary of Sociology (1968), which was translated into some dozen languages.

Sociology at Exeter reflected Mitchell's eclecticism. Members of staff enjoyed academic reputations in very different areas, and a particularly successful innovation was the establishment of an Institute of Population Studies with Milchell as director. His contribution to the university was recognised by his appointment as Dean of the Faculty of Social Studies, as deputy vice-chancellor, and as acting vice-chancellor, 1972-73. His service to the community was also

outstanding. In 1967 he was one of the founders of the Devon Community Housing Society, which he chaired for 30 years. At first it aimed to accommodate amilies, but It later concentrated on homes for the elderly, the physically disabled, and people with learning difficulties or needing nursing care. Now the owner of more, than 60 properties, it has specialised in converting empty buildings, such as a disused village school, and extending them into groups of homes for community living.

Mitchell was also a member of Dartmoor Prison's board of visitors, and served as chairman of the English Board of Visitors. He was particularly concerned for mentally ill prisoners, whom he considered to be in the wrong place for their own sakes and those of other inmates and prison staff. His speeches on this problem were not always favourably received by the Home Office. Nevertheless, he was appointed OBE in 1984.

He was a committed Christian all his life, and a lay preacher. He is survived by Margaret, his wife of 48 years, and by their son and daughter.

SIR GORDON JONES

Sir Gordon Janes, Chairman of Yorkshire Water, 1983-96, died on January 31 aged 71. He was born on February 17, 1927.

QUIET, caring and fim. Sir Gordon Junes was the ideal man, as chairman of the Water Authorides Association, to lead the ten water and waste water companies of England and Wales to successful privaosation in 1989. The selling to the public of a mixed bag of large, medium and small companies was unprecedented. The management teams someomes bickered in public, but Gordon Jones harnessed the interests of boards of directors, government, banks, lawyers and accountants, and the eventual flotaoon was a success - perhaps because all of the big merchant banks, lawyers and stockbrokers in the City were themselves representing one or more of the com-panies or underwriting the offer.

Jones also continued as chairman of

Yorkshire Water, where efficiency continued to improve. He was knighted in 1990. However, the company's reputation was dented in 1995, when an exceptional drought struck Yorkshire, raising the unacceptable prospect of restricting supply and using standpipes (though it never came to that). Hounded by an efficient Labour Opposition, the company was portayed as the worst in an unpopular industry. Jones was the first to admit that its presentation had been poor.

Gordon Jones was born in Swansea, to which he returned when he retired in 1996. After Swansea University, and four years in the Royal Navy, he joined the British Iron and Steel Research Associadon, working on raw malerials and energy planning. At Esso Petroleum, which he joined in 1960, he became head of British industry sales, before returning to the steel industry as managing director of Rotherhain Tinsley Steel and Firth Vickers. In 1979 he became a director of TW Ward plc. He was a member of the Government's advisory committee on business and the environment, 1993-96.

He was also a governor of Leeds University, and his interest in young people's education and training was reflected by his honorary fellowship of the University College of Swansea, and an honorary DSC from Bradford University. He married Gloria Melville in 1951. She survives him, along with their

daughter and twin sons.

left estate valued at £1,029,600 OPERA MERGER ON THIS DAY **PROPOSED**

> THE Sadler's Wells Trust has proposed that its opera company should be amalgamated with the Carl Rosa Opera Company. If the proposal is adopted, a single company will serve both the provinces and Sadler's Wells

The proposal was made known yesterday to the staff of Sadler's Wells Theatre in a statement from Mr James Smith, chairman of the Sadler's Wells Trust. It was read by the director, Mr Norman Tucker, who later announced that, because of the proposed new policy, he had resigned together with Mr Stephen Arlen, general manager of the thearre, and Mr Alexander Gibson, the recently appointed music director. The resignations would take effect in July, at the end of

the present contract period. It was also announced that Mr John Wyckham, production manager and stage director of the opera company, had resigned. In his statement. Mr Smith said:

For some time past it has been apparent that the continually rising cost of presenting opera in this country might cause some curtailment of the activities of both the Carl Rosa and the Sadler's Wells companies, both

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The Carl Rosa Opera Company, which did much to popularise opera in Britain, was again in difficulties, but by no means finished.

of which receive substantial subsidies from the Arts Council. But the subsidies now available are insufficient to maintain two companies at their present levels and it does not appear possible for them to proceed as

separate organizations after the early summer of 1958 when existing contracts end. In order to provide the widest possible

coverage both in London and the country, the proposal is now being considered that the Sadler's Wells and Carl Rosa organizations should combine to set up a new trust representing both bodies. The new trust, with one opera company, would undertake a tour in the autumn of 1958 and a London season in the spring of 1959, followed by a further provincial lour.

Should times prove more propitious in the future it may be possible to return to the position in which two companies can again be

maintained.

The proposal means that one orchestra, one chorus, and one set of principals will be employed: it is so be presumed that these forces will be drawn from both companies, but many musicians will be without work as a mostly of the amalgamation. result of the amalgamation.

Representatives of Equity and of the Musicians Union said that their organizations would resist to the utmost the proposed

In the statement announcing their resignations, Mr Tucker, Mr Arlen, and Mr Gibson nons, Mr Tucker, Mr Arien, and Mr Chison capressed the view that the proposed new policy "means the cessation of the policy pursued by Sadler's Wells since its opening in 1931, operating primarily as a metropolitan house and, since the war, in a complementary capacity to Covent Garden."

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The statement weni on: "Moreover, in spite of the re-employment that may be offered in individual cases, it involves the disbanding of the opera company which has been carefully built up over a long period and whose prestige has never stood higher than at the present

in 1963, during a spell as double bassist in Dudley Moore's trio. Sotin Album with the tenor saxophonist Bobby Wellins. which provided the musical His former wife and a son

Ion. of Hyssington. Moni- ops Hull, Taunion, Somerset.

Lourho, ex-newspaper owner, a citizen of Zimbabwe, of London SWL left estate valued at £25,973,190 net. Michael James Bentine, writat £2,273,141 net.

er, comedian and actor, of Walton-on-the-Hill. Tadworth. valued at £1,264,305 net. Surrey, left estate valued at Pamela Anne Chivers, of Cam-Lord Soper, of London NWII. bridge, left estate valued at F1.092,109 net.

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late valued at £1,149,724 net. £1,340,036 net.

man, of Wokingham, left esrate valued at £1.688.131 net. Christopher Charles Harley, of Bucknell. Shropshire, left estate valued at £1.098,031

He left (5.000 to Brampton Bryan Parachad Charch Council: 1500 to Brampton Bryan Parish Hall Committee. John Lawson, of Prestbury. Cheltenham. Gloucestershire. left estate valued at £865,917

West Charleton, Kingsbridge. Devon, left estate valued at £1.086.803 net. Richard Marx dental surgeon, of South Stoke, Bath, left estate valued at £1,028,160 net.

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She left \$10,000 to Gunde Does for the Blind.
Elizabeth Steinfield, of Hampstead, London
NW3 left estate valued at \$1,304,551 net.
Eva Mary Sunley, of Truro,
Cornwall, left estate valued at

£1,603,059 net.

of Eastbourne, left estate valued at £1,029,254 net. She ku £1000 to both the RNLI and Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Margaret Hamilton Turner, of Keighley, West Yorks, left estate valued at £1,324,905 net. Michael Waller Beaufort Craig Waller, of London SWIO, left estate valued at £1,297,646 net. He left £1,000

left estate valued at £200,000 The Couotess of Oxford and Asquith, of Mells, Frome. Somersei, left estate valued at £609,202 net. Arthur Claude Rye, of New Malden, Surrey, left estate valued at £7,123,919 net.

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£258,005 net.

John Henry Bower, of Canwick, Lincoln, left estate valned at £2.648.653 net. I-lelen Mary Longsdon. of Llanvair Kilgeddin, Aberga-Cenny, left estate valued at £2.471.859 net.

Latest wills

Leslie Frederick Williams, of London W5, left estate valued David Lewis Baldwin, of Tywyn, Gwynedd, left estate

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Richard Alan James Emery, of Shoeburyness, Essex, left es-Roy Neil Gibb, of London NW8, left estate valued at Phoebe Agnes Malet Hamble Edith Mary Meyers, of Bish-

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gomery, left estate valued at £1,098,447 net. Malcolm Reginald Hardi-

ELIOUS, LOS IRE.

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Lewis John Turner, of Singleton. Chichester. West Sussex, left estate valued at \$1,562,461

to King Edward VII Hospital for Officers.

THE TIMES TODAY

Gibraltar siege

livelihoods....

Three thousand people from La

Linea legally work in Gibraltar

and are protesting to their own

Government that the border re-

strictions are threatening their

Endangered species

The coracle fishermen, who for

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victims of attempts to save the

Israeli warplanes hombarded

Hezbollah militia positions at

Baalbek in eastern Lebanon after

Israel's senior commander in

south Lebanon was killedby a

Nigeria's fragile transition from

dictatorship to democracy was in

jeopardy after Olu Falae refused

to accept the victory of his oppo-

With tensions mounting in rela-

oons, Madeleine Albright, the US

Secretary of State, and her Chi-

nese hosts will engage in tough

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Israeli revenge

roadside bomb...

Nigeria crisis

Tough talking

Bootleggers force Brown's hand

Gordon Brown is to unveil a tougher-than-expected Budget after being hit by a £2 billion shortfall in revenue, much of it because of tobacco smuggling.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer is expected to announce an investigation into the operation of Customs and Excise after officials told him that he was losing more than El billion in duty a year through organised cigarette smuggling. The worldwide drop in oil prices will also mean the loss of several million pounds in revenue..

Euro challenge for Blair

David Owen and Denis Healey, veterans of the last Labour govenment, will return to the frontline to present a new challenge to the Government's move towards the euro. They will join forc-

Rape trials row

Baroness Jay, Minister for Women, was last night at the centre of a row over Government plans to clamp down on women's sexual history being admitted as evi-

Straw returns The Home Secretary will be back

at his desk today after disappearing for 72 hours at the height of the controversy over the Stephen Lawrence Inquiry

Palace dismayed

Buckingham Palace is dismayed by the limited role that the Queen will play in the opening of the Scottish Parliament Page I

Playboys

The first lifestyle magazine for professional footballers has been launched, filled with glossy advertisements for fast cars, country mansions and yachts Page 3

Boxing fan killed

Aboxing fan died after falling under the wheels of a coach while trying to escape fighting that broke out after a Commonwealth title bout, Violence raged around the ambulancemen as they tried to save the man's life Page 5

Broadcaster hurt

The award-winning broadcaster Sheena McDonald remained in a critical condition yesterday after being hit by a police van_Page 6

Kosovo fighting Serb forces massed in their thousands in and around Kosovo as the province was engulfed in new fighting that threatens to shatter the fragile peace process. Page 14

taiking today

£6,200 is the cost of old jokes

Dennis the Menace and the Bash Street Kids were mere twinkles in the cartoonist's eye when the first edition of the Beano was published in 1938. Lord Snooty is the only relic to have lasted into the 1990s and only the boy aristocrat and his pals could now afford the original edition, which sold at auction for £6,200, the largest sum paid for a comic in Britain....... Page 1



Cartoonist puts his stamp on Jenner

A SPECIAL millennium stamp by The Times cartoonist Peter Brookes, portraying the discovery of vaccination by Edward Jenner is to go on safe tomorrow (Mark Henderson

The design, which will feature on the 20p second class stamp, is released as part of the Patient's Tale, the third issue in the Royal Mail's millennium collection. Entitled Dr Jenner's Vaccination, it tells the 18th century story of how the Gloucestershire doctor discovered a medical advance

which has saved millions of lives worldwide.

Or Jenner noticed that the milkmaids in his village who had caught cowpox never went on to contract the deadly smallpox virus, one of the biggest killers of the day. He took vaccine (derived from the Latin vacca) from a cowpox sore and injected it into a boy, who developed an unmunity

The Brookes design incorporates all the elements of the story. Dr Jenner and James Phipps, his patient, are portrayed in silhouctte in the markings of a cow, which is milked by an immune maid. It also evokes his popular Nature Notes series, which is published in The Times on Saturdays, Mr Brookes said: "It is a great honour for a mere cartoonist. It's wonderful to be involved as there is a great galaxy of artists, illustrators and designers working

Mirror Bid: Trinity, the UK's largest regional newspaper group, took the next step in its bid to acquire the Mirror Group by tabling an offer worth more than El billion over the weekend _ Page 48 Mobile Float: Cable & Wireless is

considering a flotation of One-2 Page 48 Comeback Stephen Hinchcliffe, the disgraced Sheffield businessmen who has been charged with ten counts of corruption by the Serious Fraud Office, is trying to revive his career by making children's car-

.... Page 48 Rate Cut: The City is optimistic that the Bank of England will again cut rates when it concludes its monthly monetary policy committee later this week...

Hidden hero: In a quiet corner of Guildford, Surrey, lives Henk Huffener, an embarrassed hero who saved dozens of Jews from the Nazis. Grace Bradberry inter-

Fabulously happening: Every five years or so, London Fashion Week is supposedly about to meet its Maker. But despite all the handwringing, the event is still very much alive. Lisa Armstrong re-... Pages 16, 17

Flower power: Susan MacDonald offers adice on what to buy for Mothering Sunday Page 40

Thumbs down: London's Gate Theatre is celebrating its 20th birthday with a new production of Cervantes's Don Quixote that is totally inept and incoherent, writes Benedict Nightingale Road show: The touring stage version of the television hit Goodness

Gracious Me proves that Sanjeev Bhaskar and his colleagues are mainstream talents..... Page 18 Hollywood hero: Jeff Bridges has never bothered to pursue the life of a real movie star; all he cares about is making interesting movies like Page 19 Concert report: The Russian pianist Nikolai Demidenko plays a programme of Beethoven at the Barbi-

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

Meet Michael Corder

the choreographer

make it all happen

for the Royal Ballet

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Football: Arsenal's charge towards the FA Carling Premiership title suffered a setback when a late equalis-

er by Hamann deprived them of a win at Newcastle United ... Page 25 Motor rallying: Colin McRae justified his surprising switch to Ford by capturing the Safari Rally, the team's first victory in the event for 20 years... Page 26

Tennis: Greg Rusedski failed at the

final hurdle in the Guardian Direct tournament, Richard Krajicek emerging the winner____Page 27 ice hockey. Manchester Storm are harbouring similar European ambitions to their footballing counterparts in the city after securing the Sekonda Superleague title. Page 27 Rugby union: Two tries by Inga Tuigamala helped Newcastle overcome Saracens, the holders, in their Cup quarter-final Page 34 Racing: Richard Dunwoody gave a timely reminder of his talents in winning the Racing Post Chase at Kempton and can now look forward to the Cheltenham Festival

1, 13, 7, 15, 38, 43. Bonus: 47 There were no outright winners and Wednesday's jackpot will be an estimated £13 million rollover. Thirteen tickets won £177,637 each for five numbers and the bonus; 913 won EL580 for five numbers; 51,885 won E61 for four and 1,018,247 won

with renewed confidence... Page 37

Preview: Tribe UK offers insig into the lives orf young peop (BBC2, 11.15pm). Review. The Builders raises the docusoap to an unexplored level of pointlessness, says Paul Hoggart......Pages 46.47.

The Commons Interest

Britain needs both Houses of Parliament to become more vigorous inistitutions. A serious reform of the House of Lords can be the catalysi for a long overdue modernisation of the House of Commons. Page 21

Good Europeans

New Europe, the group that launches today to put the case against joining EMU, provides an intellectual home for people of all parties and

Take the high road

The pageantry of monarchy might seem out of step with the modernism of new Labour; but it serves as a buckle for the Union and an emblem of continuity......

WILLIAM REES-MOGG I do not know whether the millennium prayer is more offensive for its clumsiness, for the meretricious use of fragments of real prayers, or for the mind-numbing combination of vacuity of meaning with intellectual dishonesty......Page 20

PETER RIDDELL

Failure to join the euro in the next Parliament would be a huge setback for Blair's strategy and would force a reassessment of his whole foreign policy.....

ANNA BLUNDY

To watch the increasingly frenzied race to be President of Russia, you would be forgiven for getting the impression that the job was some-

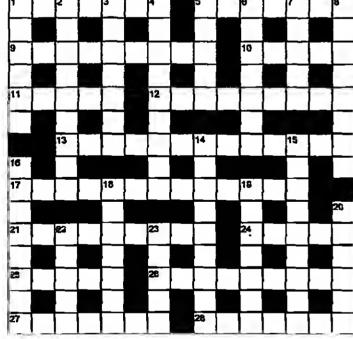
Lady Pansy Lamb, writer; Colln Purbrook, jazz pianist; Clive Butler. surgeon: Duncan Mitchell, sociolo-

Nato and Kosovo; National Changeover Plan; end of subsidy for live classical music; art fakes; nuclear power; rose-ringed para

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- I False claim he made to be tsar (7). 5 Fait to go off and produce a report
- 9 Reckless prosecutor about to take on junior counsel (9).
- 10 A president's first dance (5). 11 Arab's son mainly employed in
- sound reproduction (5). 12 Northern state nominates new as-
- sembly (9). 13 Certain people display shock after crew's dance (9.4).
- 17 Remain neutral, or restrain the criminal? (3.2,3,5).
- 21 Stimulating foretaste of cooked tripe and peas (9). 24 Wrongfully seize old city, cap-
- tured by American power (5).
- 25 Mature insect a long way back in

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 21,038 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will each receive a £20

book token.

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26 Idle talk's holding back with company, sire (9). First-class teachers rejected out-

- side one's country (7). 28 A couple of unknowns agent disposed of in Asian river (7).
- DOWN 1 Unassuming, as Mussorgsky was
- (6).

 2 Back of chair used in clubs, luxuri-
- ous and well-padded (9). Put in fish that's going rotten (7). Pet need of striker in union? (4-5).
- 5 Fruit produced by bishops, per-haps, outside see (5). 6 Cardinal takes drink with mili-
- tary men (7). 7 Northerner's home game dier turned up first (5).

 8 Like taped music some remember
- as a blessing (8).

 14 Money collected from party mem-
- ber without hesitation (9). 15 River worker secures share of profits as performer (9).
- 16 Spies act strangely, retreating from reality (8). 18 One joining alliance with partners in communities (7).
- 19 Time in special ceil but one isn't charged (7). 20 Excellent food brought in for each person (6).

22 Seafood pie originally served

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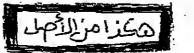
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Hamann withstands the challenge of Adams, the Arsenal central defender, to power Newcastle United's equalising goal past Seaman at St James' Park yesterday and add another twist to the FA Carling Premiership title race. Photograph: John Giles

Le Saux faces trial by television

GRAEME LE SAUX. Chelsea's Eogland defender, could face trial by televisioo after referee Paul Durkin admined that he would have sent him off had he seen his alleged cibow attack on Robbie Fowler. Durkin missed the off-the-ball incident during Chelsea's 2-t win over Liverpool at Stamford Bridge on Saturday and will not be including it in his report to the Football Association.

The official, from Portland, has since seen the clash on television, in which Le Saux appeared to elbow Fowler on the back of the head. "I can assure everyone that if I had seen it Le Saux would have been sent off," he said. "But neither I nor my assistant referee saw it. What happens now is down to the FA.

The FA has used video evidence against players before, such as when John Hartson kicked Eyal Berkovic during a training session at West Ham United, and Le Saux could face disciplinary action.

The BBC will provide the FA with a tape of the incident if asked. Steve Double, the FA spokesman, said: "It is an option while there is also the fourth official's match report to consider." The incident was the culmination of a running battle between Le Saux and the Liverpool striker.

Pressure starts to take toll on champions

By OLIVER HOLT FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THEY fled the Tyneside gloom as quickly as they could last night. All but Dennis Bergkamp hightailed it out of St James' Park and headed for the airport and their flight back to London. Some of them meaned half-heartedly about the pitch, horribly heavy and devilishly rutted, but every Ar-senal player mourned a more important piece of lost ground. In other circumstances, per-

haps, a hard-fought 1-1 draw with a Newcastle United side that is threatening a modest resurgence might not have been cause for despondency for Arsene Wenger and his side. but such is the pace that Manches-ter United, Chelsea and Arsenal have been setting at the top of the FA Carling Premiership as the chase for the title approaches its climax that the two points the champions dropped yesterday, courtesy of a late equaliser by Dietmar Hamann, acquired the air of a

significant setback. United, who rested three players in advance of their European Cup quarter-final first leg with Internazionale on Wednesday, squeezed past the desperate challenge of Southampton at Old Trafford to record their eighth win in ten unbeaten league games and maintain their four-point lead

at the top of the table. Cheisea, who seemed to have been dinging on to their own challenge like a boxer beginning to feel the effect of 100 many punches, defied those



Wenger: knows his team cannot afford mistakes

who doubt them with some invigorating football as they outplayed Liverpool at Stamford Bridge. Those results heaped the pressure on Arsenal, the only one of the trio who have no European fixtures to dilute their commitment, to continue their own remarkable recent sequence of results in the North East and stay in touch.

They seemed to have succeeded when Nicolas Anelka. who is so full of confidence that he seems to think he is going to score every time he gets the ball, claimed his sixth goal in four league games nine minutes before half-time, when he capitalised on successive mis-

, taking 26 points out of a pos

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ANELKA'S GOLDEN MONTH



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takes by Steve Howey and Nikos Dabizas to take the ball round Shay Given and slide it calmly into an open net. In the second half, though, the intensity of the struggle to keep pace with United and Chelsea seemed to take its toll.

Arsenal had conceded only two goals in nine Premiership games before yesterday, but the third condemned them to a nervous finish and a sevenpoint deficit to make up on United.

"We were in front and we could have finished the game off in the first half," Wenger said. "In the second half, we did not seem to come out

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enough and take the game to them. We did not really have the feeling that Newcastle were dangerous, but it was as if we were content with 1-0 and we lost our offensive fluency. "We have dropped two

points but we know that it is not easy to get three points here. Of course, we knew before the game that it would be important to win, especially with the way the other results have gone this weekend. But there is still a long way to go and everybody else will drop points, too.

"The only problem we have now is that we, more than the other two, cannot afford any

mistakes. We are still in a good position and we have a game in hand, but it will be a hard battle."

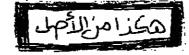
Arsenal's uncharacteristic surrender of a lead cast a shadow over what had been until then a superbly disciplined, resolute performance. Martin Keown and Tony Adams, the heart of a defence that has conceded only 13 goals all season, were heartless in the subjugation of Alan Shearer, unyielding in their domination of the England centre forward. Patrick Vieira, too, was outstanding at the hub of the side, leading the way in the pressing that joited the home team out of its commendable attempt to play neat, passing

Despite the greater flamboyance of United and Chelsea the suspicion remains that Arsenal have the best balance, the most resilience for the Il-game run-in. The combination of their near-unbreachable defence and the explosiveness of the partnership between Bergkamp and Anelka is close to irresistible.

Once, perhaps, Rund Gullit might have been in the thick of it himself, but when he was asked for his opinion on the latest twist in the title race, the Newcastle manager offered a wistful smile. "I have other sorrows now," he said. "Too many worries to be interested in that." Like the joys of others, Gullit spread his sorrow around on Tyneside last night.

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SNOOKER

Higgins on course in title defence

BY PHIL YATES

JOHN HIGGINS, winner of the Liverpool Victoria Charity Challenge last year, was on course to make a successful title defence when he established a 6-2 lead over Ronnie O'Sullivan at the Assembly Rooms in Derby yesterday.

Since making his career breakthrough by becom-ing Grand Prix champion at the same venue in October 1994. Higgins has ma-tured into a fearsome opponent. He has figured in 26 finals, lifted 13 trophies and amassed over £1.7mil-

lion in prize-money.

This maturity came to the fore when, earlier this month, he recovered from an 8-6 deficit to defeat Ken Doherty 10-8 in the final of the Benson and Hedges Masters at Wembley and again on Saturday when he edged Doherty 6-5 in

"I want to win every tournament I enter these days. " Higgins said. "It becomes a habit and you become greedy for more." O'Sullivan, beaten 9-8

by Higgins in the final last year, entered the mid-session interval at 2-2, but generally lacked the sharpness he displayed in beating Jimmy White 6-4 in their semi-final.

A run of 65 enabled Higgins to win the fifth frame and he moved into a 4-2 lead with a 62 break in the sixth. O'Sullivan did not score a point in the seventh, but should have salvaged the eighth,

After fluking a snooker with just the colours remaining, he missed the yellow and Higgins cleared to pink to carry a commanding advantage into the final session. SEMI-FINALS: RO'Sulivan (Englib I) White (Engli6-4, J Haggins (Scot) bl K Doherty (Ire) 6-5

☐ Kelly Fisher, Pontefract, completed a 4-1 victory over Julie Gillespie in the final of the national women's championship with a break of 53.

MOTOR RALLYING

Ford bask in glow of McRae's victory

FROM JEREMY HART IN NAIROB!

GRILLED under the Kenyan sun and dusted by the rooster tails of red Rift Valley dirt thrown up by a hundred cars, the African spectators watching the Safari Rally this week-end knew exactly who they wanted to win. "Mike Tyson" they sung in unison.

Wrong sport, right idea. The winner yesterday of the world's toughest rally was about as predictable as the pugilist.

Just a month after being branded parials for using an illegal water pump when their orange, blue and white Focus made its debut in Monte Carlo, Ford's bumble pie was turned into champagne by rallying's £6 million man. Colin McRae romped across Kenya's rocky bush to win by a country mile and put a smile back on the faces of his team. as well as one of horror on

those of his rivals. "Colin is now my greatest threat for the championship." Tommi Makinen, the winner of five of the previous six rallies, said. "It is great for the sport to see Colin win, but worrying for everyone else." More so after Makinen, who finished second, was subsequently disqualified for receiving

WANDERERS (final day of four): Eng-land A beat Gauteng by 10 wickets

ENGLAND A travel to Cape Town to-

day for the concluding match of their

tour, against a strong President's XI at

Newlands, with their unbeaten record

reinforced by a comprehensive win

over Gauteng yesterday.

Having been forced to follow-on on

help when his Mitsubishi suffered a puncture on Friday. The championship leader claimed that the spectators were more of a hindrance than

McRae's winning margin was seven minutes. At the start of the final leg, south of Nairobi, he was almost a quarter of an hour ahead of Makinen, the three-times world champion, but the Finn was on a charge and McRae had to

Cumbria has built the first winning Ford in 18 months, said. "We told Colin to take it easy and thankfully he and the

over the last few jarring miles. "I have never been as nerv-

nurse a sick engine through 200 miles of the harshest stages in the world, "It was heart-in-the-mouth stuff," a twitchy Malcolm Wilson, whose M-Sport outfit in

Already out before the fioal stages yesterday were Richard Burns, the early leader, whose Subaru ground to a halt with a broken suspension, and Freddy Loix, of Belgium, who crashed his Mitsubishi at 100mph. Little wonder that McRae was uncharacteristically apprehensive as he bounced

ous going for a win," the Scot

McRae, left, and Nicky Grist, his co-driver, are weighed down by the spoils of victory said. "I was listening out for every noise coming from the car, I only relaxed after the second-to-last stage. The final one was just a couple of kilo-

metres long."
Within an hour of his first win for Ford. McRae was predicting possible victories in the Acropolis Rally in Greece in the summer and perhaps earlier. "The fact we brought a new car to the Safari, the hardest and toughest rally of all, and won is fantasoc," McRae said.
"Before we came out here I

Gauteng collapse against Cosker's spin

From Thrasy Petropolous in Johannesburg

CRICKET

knocked off the runs in less than three

overs and won with over a session to

After Graeme Swann's spell of four

wickets for one run to polish off the tail

in the Gauteng first innings on Satur-

day, it was the turn of his spin partner,

would have been surprised with a win, but now we have found the car is very strong and fast. Third in Sweden and first here shows that. The rest of the season is now looking

Beneficiaries of Makinen's disqualification were the three Toyota drivers, Didier Auriol, Carlos Sainz and Ian Duncan. It was Toyota who protested about Makinen's outside assistance in what was seen as revenge for the Finn escaping punishment in Australia last year, when he jumped the start of a stage and went on to win the title. "Tommi did something wrong and it is only fair to be punished for it."

Fifth was McRae's rookie team-mate, Petter Solberg, of Norway, Drafted in to replace the injured Thomas Rad-strom, Solberg is regarded as

a future champion. For the second year in succession, SEAT gained the final championship point with sixth

Cosker, to shine yesterday, completing a well deserved five-wicket haul as he

Andre Seymore and Derek Crookes,

who are in South Africa's provisional squad of 19 for the World Cup, both fell-

to Cosker and the lower-order players

were quickly swept aside.

The England Under-19 team made a

oor effort at scoring 221 from 43 overs

to win the second one-day internation-

al at Westpac Trust Park and were

bowled out for 136, allowing New Zea-

land to square the series.

exploited a wearing surface.

GOLF

Journeymen emerge to contest jackpot

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN CARLSBAD, CALIFORNIA

WEEKEND golfers the world over were playing for money yesterday but none, not even those at Sunningdale where the bets sometimes resemble the loans to a third-world country, was playing for anything like as much money as Andrew Magee and Jeff Mag-gert. These two Americans were playing one another over 36 holes here at La Costa for the biggest golfing prize of their lives. Money talks at this resort, a hedonist's play-ground, but it has seldom talked as loudly as this.

At stake was \$1 million, the prize for the winner of the final of the Andersen Consulting World Match Play Championship. It is a huge amount of money and when the total purse of \$5 million was announced it was expected that men such as Tiger Woods. David Duval or Ernie Els would feature in the final. But one of the striking features of this event that started last Wednesday with 64 of the leading 65 players in the world in the field, has been the culling

Maggert and Magee were two of the less fancied competi-tors. Magee has won four events in his 15-year profes-sional career and Maggert, who turned professional in 1986, only one - and that in unusual circumstances. He took the 1993 Walt Disney Oldsmobile in Florida by holing out on a green that was illuminated by car headlights.

Maggert is 24th in the world rankings and Magee, who was born in Paris and has Scotish and Irish antecedents, fiftieth. They have one Ryder Cup appearance between them and neither has won a tournament for four years.

"One meeceeeeelllionnn dol-Illiars," Magee, an engaging and laconic man, who chipped in to defeat John Huston in his semi-final, said. "I like money. Money is the motivating factor. I never strove to be No I in the world and if I'm not No I after 15 years out here, I'm

probably never going to be."
Maggert gives the impression of being tightly in control of himself at all times. His golf

swing is firm and he does not hit the ball all that far nor all that high. He overpowers courses by stealth rather than by the full frontal attack of say, Greg Norman or Woods. "Winning the golf tournament is going to mean a lot more to me than the million dollars." Maggert, who was 35 nine days ago, said, even though he has never won anything like \$1 million in an entire season, never mind one week.

Maggert was the first to strike in the final, parting the opening hole to win it and then making birdie at the sec-ond to take a two-hole lead. which was contrary to the evidence of the week. Maggert, usualty a slow starter, was three down after 11 holes of his semi-final against Steve Pate and had slipped back to be two down to Magee after IS holes



Maggert has won only one tournament on the US tour

of the final. He has invariably played the second nine strongly. He had won 24 holes in all before the final, 14 on the homeward nine, which he had

played in ten under par. When you get down in matchplay, you have to go out and make something happen," Maggert said. "In strokeplay, three strokes behind is not a significant margin. I can make an eagle and the man I'm chasing can bogey. But in matchplay if you win a hole by one stroke or three strokes it doesn't matter. Three down is a significant margin."
a significant margin."
RESULTS (all United States); Semi-finals:
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Huston 3 and 1.

Saturday, Gauteng, with nine wickets remaining, still had hopes of saving the game. But once Adam Bacher had chipped Dean Cosker to mid-wicket AN EXCLUSIVE COMPETITION

and watched Darren Maddy take a

good diving catch, they had no answer

to the combination of Cosker's left-arm

spin and the pace of Darren Thomas

and collapsed from 140 for one to 211 all

out against the Glamorgan pair. Eng-

land, A, needing only 27 to win,

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CHANGING TIMES

Sri Lanka find third captain

SRI LANKA were compelled to name a replacement captain twice within a few hours yesterday after Arjuna Ranatunga was ruled out of this week's Asian Test championship match against Pakistan with a hamstring injury.

In Ranatunga's absence Aravinda de Silva was named to lead the side in the final round-robin Test starting in Lahore on Thursday. Then he himself had to withdraw through injury on the final day of the game against India in Colombo yesterday. Hashan Tillekeratne has now

been named captain. Sri Lanka will face Pakistan without many of their key players. Apart from Ranatunga and de Silva, Chamin-da Vaas is being rested while Sanath Jayasuriya and Muttiah Muralitharan are injured. Sachin Tendulkar scored

his nineteenth Test century yesterday to remain unbeaten on 124 as India and Sri Lanka ground out a draw in the second match of the triangular se-ries. India reached 306-5 after being 59-1 overnight.

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Cullinan's double celebration

A MAGNIFICENT careerbest double century by Daryll Cullinan put South Africa in an impregnable position against New Zealand on the second day of the first Test in Auckland.

During nearly eleven hours .monumental concentration, Cullinan scored 246 not out, his seventh Test century, surpassing his previous best of 168, scored against West Indies last month.

Starting the day in the strong position of 245 for two, South Africa ended on 562 for five. It was their highest score against New Zealand, beating the 524 for eight they made at Wellington's Basin Reserve in

Cullinan, who hit 25 fours and two sixes, is just nine runs short of the highest individual inningi against New Zealand by a South African — which belongs to Jackie McGlew scored in the same 1953 game.

Hansie Cronje, the South Africa captain, decided not to declare and almost certainly plans to bat just once in the match New Zealand must score \$63 just to avoid the

Atherton in line for World Cup recall

By RICHARD HOESON

MICHAEL ATHERTON. omitted from the recent Carlton & United one-day series in Australia, is expected to be recalled when England, the host country, become the first of the nine Test-playing nations to announce their World Cup squad today.

David Graveney, the chairman of selectors, has con-firmed that a list of 15 names will be released at Lord's this

With a series of fitness tests organised before departing via Pakistan for a triangular tournament in Sharjah on March 29 — effectively a World Cup warm-up — England can still make alterations before the selection deadline of March 31. This will be especially relevant for Atherton and Graham

Thorpe, who have back problems.

It is unlikely that anybody outside the inioal squad of 30 will feature in the tournament, which degins on May 14. The selection of Atherton, with a one-day international average of 35.11 from 54 games, would reflect the need for somebody who can complement the more aggrestive batsmen.



BOWLS: Carol Ashby, who reached the women's world indoor singles final last April, took the England Under-31 singles title at Exeter, when she held off a tremendous fightback from Debbie Talbot to win the final, 21-20. Ashby. the 1998 senior champion, looked home and dry when she led 15-3 after 11 ends, but Talbot, who has been playing on the crown greens of Yorkshire since she was 12, but now plays on the flat at Barnsley Metrodome during winter, levelled the scores at 15-15, after 18. Talbot took the lead at 20-19, but Ashby coolly drew two perfect bowls on the 25th to edge home.

SPORT IN BRIEF

BASKETBALL: England's reputation as one of the most improving nations in Europe was reflected in the narrow margin of their defeat by Israel in the semi-finals of the European championship on Saturday (Nicholas Harling writes). "If the free throws had gone in, the game would have been ours," Laszlo Nemeth, the coach, said after Israel's 79-76 victory in Tel Aviv.

GOLF: Karrie Webb, of Australia, broke the US LPGA scoring record by three strokes yesterday when she finished on 262, 26 under par, to win the Australian Ladies Masters at the Royal Pines course, on the Gold Coast, Webb's score also bettered Laura Davies's European Tour record of 25 under par. set at the 1995 Irish Open in Dublin. Janice Moodie, of Scotland, finished second, ten shots behind Webb.

BADMINTON: Simon Archer and Joanne Goode produced their finest sequence of performances as a partnership and boosted their prospects for the All England championships in two weeks' time when they reached the final of the World
Grand Prix championships in Brunei yesterday, only to fall
15-6, 15-9 against the South Koreans, Kim Dong Moon and Ra

■ SAILING: Marc Thiercelin, of France, was expected to reach the Falkland Islands yesterday on board Somewhere, his damaged Open 60, which was dismasted last week as he was leading the Around Alone Race (Edward Gorman writes). Thiercelin is determined to finish the race and plans are afoot to fly a new mast and sails out to the islands from France on

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Dubious tactics fail to bring down Krajicek

By Julian Muscat, tennis correspondent

RICHARD KRAJICEK could afford to be magnanimous. A tactic of dubious legitimacy from Greg Rusedski had transformed the Briton's fortunes to carry him within two points of the match before Krajicek, the better player throughout this final of the Guardian Direct Cup, regrouped to collect the sixteenth title of his career.
Rusedski himself would

have savoured the quality of service that had swept Krajicek to the brink of victory. The hard part was complete. Krajicek merely had to hold serve, as he had throughout the match, for two more games to cash the \$128,000 (£80,000) winner's cheque. But after another ace, his 26th of the match, took him to 15-0. Rusedski delved into a murky world.

In mock protestation, Rusedski summoned a ball-girl, Victoria Lister, to rally with Krajicek, the move plainly aimed at fracturing his opponent's concentration. It worked. Detained, to much crowd banter, by a 14-stroke rally, which was comfortably the longest in the match. Krajicek then resumed - onlyto lose ten of the next [] points. The two players were thus locked together at 44, with every prospect of a tie-break to settle a match that was firmly

in Krajicek's grasp. Krajicek's expression, when he then trailed 300, on serve, in the next game, told a very different story to the one that he would tell at the contest's conclusion, in the end, Krajicek, who rallied to lead 65, broke a flagging Rusedski to win 76, 67, 75 after two hours and six minutes of largely uninspiring tennis.

There was a him of sarcasm in his voice when, in the postmatch interview on court, he said: "The next time Greg is Belgium.

serving me off the court I. know what to do: just get a ball-girl to go out and play." Later, while suggesting that Rusedski might have indulged the crowd when he trailed 40-0, rather than 15-0, Krajicek blamed himself for the lapse in concentration. "It was a rookie mistake on my part," he said. "I thought it would be OK but I shouldn't

bave done it" He also revealed that, in those difficult moments, he drew on the memory of his compatriot, Menno Oosting, who was killed in a car crash last week. "I wanted to win it for Menno so badly," he said. Krajicek, seeded No 4, amended Oosting's funeral in Son. near Eindhoven, on Saturday morning before returning to London to beat : Thomas

Johansson in the semi-finals. Rusedski, for his part, made light of an incident which, in contrast to the smiling cartoon character he had portrayed all week, revealed a rare glimpse of his cold, calculating mind.
"It is no big deal," he insisted. "I have had it happen to me before." However, when pressed to elaborate, the man with a memory bordering on encyclopaedic could not remember. The gambit employed by

Williams prevails over Mauresmo

SERENA WILLIAMS, of the United States, clinched her first WTA Tour title when she best Amelie Mauresmo, of France, 6-2, 3-6, 7-6, in the Paris Open final. The 17-year-old was too strong for Mauresmo, who had won through after tough matches against Martina Hingis, the world No 1, and Dominique Van Roost, of

Rusedski; seeded No 3, was far from unique. Boris Becker and Andre Agassi have used it, as did Goran Ivanisevic when hopelessly outserved by Mark Philippoussis in the 1997 final at Queen's.

Yet none resorted to it whe their matches remained so delicately balanced. Rusedski's calculated act was almost cer-tainly prompted by his unbri-dled desire to triumph before a domestic audience - just as be mistakenly insisted on playing Wimbledon with one sound ankle eight months ago.

There was no doubt that Krajicek deserved his victory. In the opening set he stayed with Rusedski during the Briton's only spell of dominant serving. The ensuing tebreak, the twelfin since they first sourced up of victors and first squared up six years ago. was effectively settled when Krajicek conjured a stinging backhand cross-court pass to reach set point with his service

From that point Rusedski ap-peared to labour. To his credit, he pulled the second set from the fire when, in another tie-break, Krajicek double-faulted when seemingly in the ascendant. Opportunities were precious; when they came, they were usually neutralised by

heavy serving. In that respect, Krajicek gave Rusedski a taste of his own medicine he dished out 30 aces to the Briton's ten.

Rusedski and Tim Henman now head to California for the Newsweek Champions Cup. where Rusedski must defend 337 ranking points for reaching the final 12 months ago. Despite a stop-start first two months of the season, he has scrambled well; he should remain at No 10 when the world rankings are updated this morning. Henman is ex-



Krajicek celebrates his hard-fought victory over Rusedski at Battersea vesterday

British pair double the interest

GREG RUSEDSKI gained a measure of compensation for his singles defeat by Richard Krajicek when he combined with Tim Henman to win the doubles event yesterday (Julian Muscat writes). The Great Britain pairing won in straight sets over Wayne Ferreira, of South Africa, and Byron Black, of Zimbabwe. To the delight of a vocal

London crowd, Rusedski and

Henman captured Black's service midway through the opening set to secure the only break in the match. They then rallied from 3-6 down in the second-set tie-break to win five successive points, and with them, the match, 6-3, 7-6. It was the first time that the two Britons have contested a doubles tournament.

Rusedski and Henman used the event to prepare for Great Britain's Davis Cup tie, against the United States, in Birmingham in April, when they are expected to renew their alliance in the doubles Rusedski dropped service over the four matches he and Henman played here.

Henman. whose service was captured just once, said: "I think we have surprised

Kleinendorst standing by Storm troopers

Alan Lee reports on the ice hockey coach who has transformed the fortunes of Britain's biggest club

anchester's sig-nificant minoriing thousands for whom there is now more to sport than Old Trafford, will be relieved to learn that the given them an arresting new identity intends to finish what he started. On the morning after the biggest and most influential club in British ice hockey officially became the best, Kurt Kleinendorst was already planning new hori-

zons for Manchester Storm. Europe is one challenge to conquer, the nurturing of Brit-ish talent another, and Kleinendorst wants to stay and see it through. The Minnesotan arrived two years ago when playing inadequacy was threatening to vanquish the grand vision in Europe's largest indoor venue. His contract as coach and general manager has only a one-year option remaining, but Kleinendorst had words of reassurance for

Storm's phenomenal support. "I am happy and settled here and I have no plans to move oo," he said yesterday. There is a lot more to be achieved and it would take a special offer to get me away. I won't sort things out until the season is over, but I'm already thinking of next year."

Kleinendorst was at a Neil Diamond concert on Saturday night and emerged to hear that Cardiff Devils forlorn pursuit of his team had ended with a 5-4 defeat at Bracknell, Manchester were champions of the Sekonda Superleague with three games still to play and the potentially dramatic fixture away to Cardiff last night was an irrelevance.

Manchester led the league virtually from first to last, losing only one of 19 home games within an otherwise fiercely competitive league. Their inheritance from Ayr, who have fallen heavily from their grand-slam exploits of a year ago, seldom seemed in doubt but, with the most lavish facility and enviable support and sponsorship, their triumph is a necessary landmark in the

renaissance of the sport. The league trophy will be presented before the home match with Nottingham on Thursday and the force of the Storm can be measured by the fact that more than 10,000 seats have already been sold. "It will be a special night," Kleinendorst said, 'one of those occasions when you come out and think wow, that was really something'." One such night, three weeks ago. can now be seen to have se-

cured the title for Manchester. Their last home game with Cardiff came with the teams level on points and the Welsh club on a roll of seven wins. More than 12,000 saw Storm win 3-1, a victory as breathless as it was priceless. There are few men in this high-octane sport more inscrutable than Kleinendorst, but even his cool veneer collapsed with the lastminute goal that confirmed the win. "I don't show my feelings much but that was the pivotal night." he said. It was the first of six successive wins for Storm, the first in five defeats

out of six for Cardiff. Kleinendorst's assignment now is to exploit that support base and create a new generation of British players. Manchester have only one home-grown player on their staff. the supremely-gifted Jonathan Weaver, and Kleinendorst is not confident of finding more

"Rinks would rather take money for public skating than encourage locals to learn hockey." he said. "We are doing all we can, with a junior section and a week-long hockey school in April, but it is the biggest

The final place in the

semi-finals was taken by

Southgate with an 8-3 victory

over Hounslow, who trailed

7-1 at half-time. Grice was the

only player to score twice for

Southgate, but he could have

been joined by Kwan Browne.

of Trinidad, who missed a

penalty stroke after scoring in

It was a disappointing week-

end for Canterbury who

dropped from second to third

posicion in the National

Scoring system beats Rolph

SUSAN ROLPH beat Katrin Meissner in both the 50 and 100 metres freestyle in their final outing of the winter World -Cuo season in Germany at the weekend, but inst the overall sprint freestyle title by an excruciating margin of two

points yesterday.
In the end, the severity of Rolph's defeats compared with those suffered by Meissner during a maximum of six point-scoring rounds of the 12-event series mattered more than the fact that the British champion had won seven races to five victories for the German.

The pair met in three rounds. Rolph winning the 100 metres each time. Meissner winning the 50 metres twice but losing to Rolph on Saturday for the first time, 25.06sec

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From Craig Lord in Gelsenkirchen

to 25.23sec. That she beat Meissner, 26, over 50 metres gave Rolph, 20, a great sense of satisfaction and confirmed that her winter training programme is on course to produce the success she craves at the world short-course championships in Hong Kong next

Yesterday's win over 100 metres, in 54.33sec, just 0.06sec up on Meissner, further confirmed Rolph's superiority as a racer. However, two victories do not a World Cup title make, accounting for 20 points, against the 14 for two

second places that took the German to 99 points, two clear of the Briton's tally.

The rivals had started the weekend eight points apart, a gap that owed much to the third and fourth place finishes that Rolph suffered behind Chinese swimmers while nursing a heavy cold in Beijing in January.

Meissner's worst finish was second place. In hindsight, Rolph would have been wiser to have opted to compete at the Canadian round of the cup instead of Beijing, but then World Cup roles do not allow entries to be switched.

As such, Rolph collected the £3,300 runner-up prize, against Meissner's £6,500, but considered herself the better swimmer beyond the eccentricities of the scoring system.

Slough fail to disrupt Reading use home advantage nolder's march to title

RUSSELSHEIMER ruined Slough's hopes of breaking their stranglehold on the event when they cruised to their sixth successive title with a comfortable 7-1 win in the final of the European indoor championship in Glasgow yes-

terday (Cathy Harris writes). Although the result was emphatic, Slough turned in a gritty performance and were rarely outplayed. The difference was in the superior skill and quality of the finishing. with Russelsheimer racing to a 40 lead before Sarah Kelleher made it 4-1 at half-time.

Slough's tentative display in the semi-final against Siauliai, the Lithuanian champions — where they were forced to recover from a 2-0 deficit before winning 4-2 - did not bode well. With a squad of only nine fit players, the rigours of the tournament were bound to take their toll on the likes of Mandy Nicholson, Sue Chandler, Kelleber and Jane Smith, the competi-

tion's leading goalscorer, Britta Berker, the Russelsheimer captain, scored twice along with, Tanja Dicken-

In the women's National League premier division, Doncaster, who sit at the bottom of the table, caused the first big upset of the season when they defeated the depleted leaders. Ipswich. First-half goals by Sally Wright and Carol Savage and a penalty-corner goal six minutes from time, from Claire Ferguson, steered Doncaster to victory.

READING responded to their HOCKEY

home supporters yesterday by shooting their way to a 5-2 victory over Canterbury and a place in the semi-finals of the EHA Cup. Humphries

had

Reading's lead to 3-1 early in the second half, but two quick goals by Briscoe and Pearm restored their superiority. The absence of Hacker, through injury, made a big difference Canterbury who lacked

inspiration in their midfield. Before they could settle down they were two goals down, Barnes, from a short corner, and Loose scoring for Reading. Then, two minutes before the interval, their plight when worsened converted a penalty stroke. A goal from a short corner by Mathews just before the end

By Sydney Friskin

was small consolation for Canterbury. Cannock. secured their place in the last four with a 43 home win over Lewes. of the first division. Edwards scored two goals

from short corners for Cannock and Waters hit the target twice for Lewes from A goal by Thompson in the last minute from a short corner enabled Old enabled Loughtonians to defeat Teddington 3-2. He had scored

both goals for Teddington.

League premier division after 3-3 draw at home against Hounsluw on Sanirday. Reading were out-gunned by Cannock, who, despite the defeat absence of Crutchley, their injured sharp-shooter, went away with a 2-0 victory with earlier to add to the first goal by Scott Smith. Wallis scored goals by Pidcock and Hughes-

Rowlands.

the eighth minute.



FA Carling Premiership: Charlton frustrated by inability to steal a march on bottom club

Kidd faces up to novel predicament

WHEN Brian Kidd, the Blackburn Rovers manager was the assistant manager at Old Trafford, he knew that the buck stopped with Alex Ferguson. Now Kidd is a manager in his own right, and it is up to him to deal with all the usual problems of injury, suspension and loss of form. as well as one that Ferguson did not have to face — the fear of relegation.

On Saturday, Blackburn dropped back into the bottom three of the FA Carling Premiership, and their third defeat in 11 league games since Kidd took over contained some worrying elements. Against a West Ham United team whose recent record was little better than theirs. Rovers were awful in the first half - in Kidd's own words, cautious and apprehensive - and un-lucky in the second. Add a long injury list and you have an ominous combination.

Or do you? "If I didn't know the problems, then I would have a problem," Kidd said. "but I've identified them. At the moment, it's out of my control. It's a crippling injury situation, plus the disciplinary record has been poor."

On Saturday, absences forced Kidd to field a team which, he admitted, included a number of square pegs in round holes, in a formation that handed the home team the freedom of the wings, which became evident when Paolo Di Canio crossed for lan Pearce to head the open-

ing goal after 28 minutes.
Without Billy McKinlay and Garry Flitcroft, the Blackburn midfield also allowed Eyal Berkovic too much leeway, and he took a return pass from Frank Lampard four minutes later before teeing up Di Canio for his first goal since joining West Ham. Rovers staged a second-half

rally, but a combination of

poor finishing from Ashley



Ward and excellent saves by Shaka Hislop allowed West Ham to hold out and claim sixth place in the table.

Eighteenth place is unfamil-iar territory for Kidd, but he believes that he can deal with the predicament. "Working under Alex Ferguson. I've seen pressure situations," he said. "We've had a tough two weeks game-wise; prior to that, we've done OK. It isn't all doom and gloom." Nor does pressure to replace injured players with stop-gap signings, a solution he rejects on principle, although it leaves unanswered the question of the yawning gap in central midfield.

Harry Redknapp, the West Ham manager, expressed surprise at Blackburn's position, but preferred to enthuse over the performance of his own team. "When you have got people like Berkovic and Di Canio, and you get into good movement and passing, and a few things are coming off, little flicks and onetwos, I think they enjoy it." Redknapp said. With half a squad on the treatment table and very little coming off. Kidd might have pointed out that it is not so much fun.

WEST HAM UNITED (3-5-2) S Histop — I Pearce, R Ferdinand, S Polts — S Lomas, E Berlione, M-V Fee, F Lampard, M Keller — T Sociar, P Di Canio BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-3-1-2), J Filan — J McAirer, D Peacock, M Broomes, C Davidson — K Gillespie, O Durin (sub: O Crott, 68mm), J Wiccu, (sub: O Durin, 52) — M Jansen (sub: K Davies, 50) — A Ward, N Elake



Crossley salutes the visiting Nottingham Forest supporters after winning a point for

SOMETIMES, the scoreline lies. At a glance you might assume this was a pit of gloom or that Charton Athletic and assume this was a pit of gloom or that Charlton Athletic and Nottingham forest were equal in relegation mediocrity. Not true: Charlton are better than that. The people of SE7 still exude a joy at being back in their cavernous home, and on Saturday, alight with sunshine. The Valley vibrated to the sound of samba and steel bands and was filled by faces painted red, white and black in response to their club's sixth annual anti-racist day.

Here, not far from where Stephen Lawrence was murdered, was sport in a broader perspective. As the music played, colour tame back into a career once thought lost to fearful injury. Mark Crossley learnt at a 1245pm that his day had come. Almost two years after he last played in the FA Carling Premiership, after a double hernia, a back ailment and then the reliable

Crossley keeps Forest afloat

ailment and then the reliable form of his replacement, Crossley heard his name first on the Forest teamsheet. Approach-ing 30, he may be, but nerves

set in.

Across the dressing-room the looming figure of Dave Beasant, Fotest's first-choice goalkeeper last season and this, came towards him. "Dave said we shouldn't let this come between us," Crossley said, "he said we have such a good relationship, there are no hard feelings whatsoever."

Crossley stepped into a team

Crossley stepped into a team that had confeded 13 goals in three matches, and put a stop to that. The defence, still, was porous, the entire Forest side was overrun and Crossley admitted it is more likely to be relegated than not. Yet with five magnificent saves, and a penalty stop to boot, Crossley defied Charlton single-handed-ly. Stretching high, swooping low, obviously agile and seem-ingly calm, he is again an athlete without pain and without doubt that he can stand tall before a full house.

Indeed, because of him. Charlton's home became the valley of frustration. The goalkeeper, abetted by woeful



NOTTINGHAM FOREST. by Rob Hughes

final reckoning. Their spirit is extraordinary, their own defence unbreached during February. But they are with-out a home game for five weeks, in part because the Tottenham Hotspur fixture is postponed because of the Worthington Cup final, and how much better it would have been to travel after an emphat-

ic victory.

The penalty in the 70th minute crystallised what happened John Robinson, one of any number of red-shirted Charlton players working like anis to try to break the dead-lock, was bodychecked by Ste-ve Chettle just inside the penalty area. Redfearn did what he has done 39 times, placed the ball on the penalty spot and hit

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it, But Crossley is not endrely a novice against penalnes. stop a Matthew Le Tissier penalty, he is the goalkeeper who stopped Gary Lineker from the penalty spot during the 1991 FA Cup Final. He reads the signs, makes up his mind, and throws himself on

fortune. "I always guess with penal-ties," he said. "With a rightfooted player [like Redfearn] it's likely that he will try to put the ball across the keeper, so I went that way." He hurled his 6ft, 15-stone plus frame low to his right and, because Redfearn's shot was accurate but tentative, the save was easier than Crossley's dive to a similar spot five minutes later

when Redfearn, this time uncharacteristically with his left boot was repelled by the finger ops of the goalkeeper's

Redfearn was one of two Chariton players who could have had a hat-trick. The other was Martin Pringle, the former military man from Sweden whose clusive front-running and defi touch have given Charlton new options and new hope. On Saturday, however, Pringle miscued a gaping chance after four minutes and never regained composure. Pringle wants a permanent home rather than the Kent hotel room that he shares with his wife and four-week-old son, Hugo.

What was surprising was that a fellow guest at the hotel, John Barnes, was at not invited to show whether his flair could be decisive. The former Newcastle United and Liverpool player got no closer than the warm-up track, and may as well have spent the afternoon babysitting for the Pringles, a role he has volunteered on the lonely nights in Bexleyheath. But while Forest - with Steve Stone and Pierre van Hooijdonk no better than the team they seek to abandon brought just one save from Simon Royce, Alan Curbishley, the Chariton manager, said: "The team was playing well, and I didn't need to change things and risk getting

Caution, in the end, weighed on Charlton. What Ron Atkinson, the Forest Messiah, thought, we may never know. A manager built by public image. Big Ron shunned the obligation to face the media. It left Crossley, a Forest man from his schooldays, saying: "Even if we go down, my ambition is to stay in the team, and grab my Weish place back. It's great to be fit and to get the chance." CHARLTON ATHLETIC (3-52): S Royce

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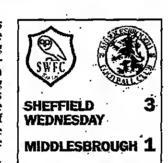
Gascoigne dims memory with secondary role



Di Canio joyfully celebrates his first goal for West Ham

THE only two things that can Post Office to pick up his about Paul Gascoigne are that as much chance of recreating (a) he will never again be the one of those trademark, body player he once was, and (b) he swerving bursts away from an never was quite the player he might have been. If Kevin opponent and into scoring range as Gascoigne does Keegan really is serious about today. The brain may still be making his first step as Engable to work out the logistics of land coach a backward one by such a manoeuvre, but the seeking one last burst of light legs and lungs are incapable from a faded star, then he of carrying it out. might just as well go the whole

Gascoigne has, by all hog and ask Sir Bobby Charlaccounts, been playing toleraton to get his boots back on. bly well of late in a Middles-Even as he runs down to the brough team that is collectivesuffering from a terminal shortage of confidence, goals, points and, on this occasion, luck. But his contribution at Hillsborough was restricted to a handful of short and safe passes - and not even all of



by Keith Pike them were successful - an ambitious volley that almost cleared the Kop, a pointed disagreement with a colleague and a booking, his twelfth of the season, for an early (tenthminute), late (as in the ball had gone) and studs-up challenge

any one of a number of midfield journeymen from any division he fancies and be guaranteed much the same level of performance without the risk of a red card.

Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, defended his man, citing a sore knee and over-zealous refereeing, but was forced to confess that he had taken Gascoigne off at half-time to avoid Mike Riley, the Leeds official, doing the job for him. Nor did he argue the point that Middlesbrough were an immeasurably better team for Gascoigne's

departure. So, if not Gazza for Eng-land, how about Wednesday

form that has taken them into the top half of the table. For 20 invigorating minutes, during which Carbone was wonderfully inventive and Rudi a particular menace on the left ing, they looked like a team

blending nicely. In the end, though, they were flattered by the victory. never mind the margin of it. Booth's near-post finish was scant reward for Wednesday's early supremacy, but Middles-brough would have been at least level by half-time had Beck not been spectacularly denied by Pressman, then missed a sitter of a volley, and had Pallister not found the bar

on Sonner. In short, it was a for Europe? No chance, Three goals in as many mess, Keepan could summon despite the impressive run of second-half minutes decided the points in favour of the home team: Sonner broke Middlesbrough's stranglehold by meeting Jonk's cross with the header it deserved, Mustoe scampered through to reply, then Booth headed in Rudi's free kick from close range. Gascoigne later found his way to the players' lounge. The route to Wembley and Poland on March 27 should be cordoned off.

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fails to inspire victory is man enough for task

well-being can be found outside its ground on match day. around in anticipation, street traders sell their wares with ease and the ticket touts have a spring in their step. Everyone wants a piece of the action; success on the pitch breeds success on the streets.

by Russell Kempson On Saturday afternoon, Tottenham High Road was alive. "Wembley 99" banners and T-shirts were all the rage and the banter flowed and glowed in the direction of George Graham, the former demon of Arsenal but now sayiour of White Hart Lane. Tottenham Hotspur had reached the final of the Worthington Cup, the quarter-finals of the FA Cup and were undefeated in 14 matches. Long gone were the dour, dis-mal days of Gerry Francis and Christian Gross - Graham's predecessors the players had rediscovered their zest for life and the fans were no looger

disenchanted. It took only 30 minutes of an essen rially lifeless first half for reality to kick in. Tottenham had, unconvincingly, dominated a tepid FA Carling Premier ship encounter with Derby County and Graham, seated in his directors' box eyrie, had had enough. Hardly had he arrived in the dugout before he was urging the slackers on to greater effort and goading his troops into the firing line.

Fifty-six seconds into the second half, the Tonenham of old — lazy minds, poor concentration, slack marking returned to haunt them. Dorigo's quick free kick was nodded on by Wanchope for Burton to slide the ball home from close range. Graham's renowned powers of organisation and motivation appeared to have fallen on deaf ears.



Only then did his play-ers respond. with Freund flinging him-self dervish-like into battle, Ginola at last

flitting more in than out and Sherwood driving forward. Hoult, the Derby goalkeeper, saved marvellously from Schnoor's inadvertant de flection of Ginola's cross and also did well to push Anderson's piledriver on to the crossbar. He could

do nothing, though, to prevent the equaliser, when Dominguez, the subsitute, released Sherwood to conjure a precisely measured sbot. The real Tot-tenham, under Graham, had finally emerged and they could have won ittin a frenzied, often bizarre, conclusion. As Tottenham battered away at the Derby goal, Burton was booked for failing to leave the pitch to remove his dangling neck chain and Edinburgh was sent of for his second bookable offence, a mistimed tackle on Harper. Perhaps Wan-chope should have gone, too, for his

lunge at Taricco.

The jigsaw is taking shape and arother piece will be slotted into place to morrow when Stewart Houston, Graleaves Ipswich Town to join him. Chri-Hughton, having diligently worked his way up to No 2 over a period of six years, will return to the shadows as just another coach. He put on a brave face. "George and Stewart had an excellent parmership and I'm looking for ward to working with them," he said TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (44.2) | Waker — M Talcoo, R Vega, S Campbell, J Edinburgh — O Andertof, S Freund, T Shewood, O Grota — S Iversen, C. Almstong Isuty J Dominguez, Strain

DERBY COUNTY (3-4-1-2) R Hoult — J Laurson Cartonari, S Schnoor — S Eranto (sub S Prior, 41 Carstey L Bohmen, A Dorigo (sub K Harpon, 72) — Button — F Balano (sub. J Hunt, 73), P Wanethope

with a thumping header. Influence of Graham Jeffers shows Smith he

FRANCIS JEFFERS is bony of body but stony of mind. At the age of 18, when nature and a selection of gym equipment has had little time to carve out a **EVERTON** physique that can repel the defensive warhorses of the FA Carling Premiership. WIMBLEDON it is the mental prowess that separates by Stephen Wood growing men from the boys. That is why Ever-

believe Jeffers is a special player. Jeffers's education in the game developed from a hero-worship of Andy Gray, the former Everton striker, even though be was only four when Gray last kicked a ball for the club, to shining at the Football Association's School of Excellence at Lilleshall. Goals have flowed at all levels but, such has been the chronic state of Everton this season that. Walter Smith, the manager, bas tried to protect Jeffers from the depression surrounding the

ton, despite all their cautionary tales,

It required, therefore, words rather than actions for Smith to give in to temptation. Initially, Smith, who only joined Everton last summer, was told by the staff at the club, who had seen Jeffers progress, that "young Francis could handle the pressures of the first team". From Jeffers himself came confirmation that he was ready. "I've played in front of 70,000 people for England schoolboys in Germany, so I didn't see why 35,000 at Goodison would be such a problem," he said.

And so it has proved. He scored his first league goal against Wimbledon on Saturday, a neat header to earn his team-mates a valuable point as their attempt to climb clear of relegation trouble continued. Danny Cadamarteri, Jeffers's teenage strike partner,



the goal and deserves special praise. For it was Cadamarteri who embraced the physical duties that Jeffers, to an extent, had to

negate.
Smith commended the pair's contribution to the afternoon, but he is not a man to over-indulge. Young players are a surprise for people," Smith wrote in the match programme. "In the weeks to come. Francis will face dif-

ferent defenders who will set different challenges for him." Smith will be grateful when Hutchison returns from suspension, and overjoyed if he can persuade Kevin Campbell, from Trab-zonspur, or Michael Mols, a striker from Holland, to sign for the club. However, in response to Smith's wariness, Jeffers's mature attitude is evident once again. "All I wanted was

a chance." he said. "I'm not going to be a hero at 18. I'm confident in my ability, but I will never forget where I have come from, or where I'm at now." Dave Watson, the Everton defender, misjudged a ball that caught in the wind to allow Efan Ekoku to open the

scoring for Wimbledon after 14 minutes for the visitors' first goal in six

Thereafter, their paucity of ideas suggested there could be another long wait until the next one. Instead, it was Everton who pressed for a winner, and could have had a penalty when Hughes appeared to trip Branch, the home side's substitute.

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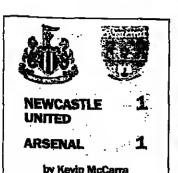
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FA Carling Premiership: Germany midfield player dents title ambitions

Hamann breaks Arsenal's cover



BAD timing, like a change in the weather, can turn an appealing jaunt into a treacherous journey. In previous days, progress might have been comfortable, but Arsenal, despite taking the lead, were unable to make their way through to victory yesterday against a Newcas-tle United side that is growing in resourcefulness.

Arsenal, seven points behind Manchester United in the FA Carling Premiership, may even come to see this as a day when the funerary of their intended trek towards the otle was disrupted and will think wistfully of occasions earlier in the season when such as West Ham United and Leeds United sauntered to St James' Park and amused themselves by administering a pasting.

Since then, the ground has ceased to be an amusement parlour for the day-trippers. Ruud Gullit has pieced together a team that functions more fluently, it would be idle to pretend that he is in any-thing more than the early stages of overhaul and there were spells yesterday when Newcastle looked uneasy. Yet they never capitulated newcomers such as Didier Domi have brought a solidity that foiled Arsenal's efforts to take decisive control.

Even more importantly. Newcastle, when the propects appear dreary, have the potential for effervescence, as they had shown when conjuring a fine goal to knock Blackburn Rovers out of the FA Cup last week. They tapped this resource against Arsenal when Temuri Ketsbaia. a substitute, fed Dietmar Hamann in the 77th minute. The Germany midfield player strode on to weave his way into the cluster at the centre of the Arsenal defence. This is a course that is usually about as safe as sprinting into the midst of a motorway.

EVEN as they sat six points clear at the top of the FA Carling Premicrship earlier in the season

such a steep decline and fall.

what has become glaringly appar-

day. There might have been a hint

in deep trouble," he said, or words

to that effect.



Anelka, who had been put clear by Bergkamp, strides past Given, the Newcastle goalkeeper, to put Arsenal ahead at St James' Park. Photograph: Ross Kinnaird/Allsport

mown down and kept his balance to stab a controlled shot into the corner of the net. It was a breakthrough that also smashed the high-ly familiar shape that the game had been assuming. Were it not for that inspired intervencion, this would have been the most old-fashioned of Arsenal successes. In the gap between Newcastle's bright opening and the equaliser, Arsene Wenger's side had plied their trade with dead-

Arsenal, above all, are the team to fasten mercilessly on to a small advantage, for the champions are famous for the relish they take in a close contest. For them, the satisfaction inherent; in a narrow win would have been as great as that of any rout. No matter what other renovations have been undertaken by Wenger at Highbury, that trait has been preserved with a conservation-

Alan Shearer cheerfully ex-changed thumps with his England team-mates, but the resistance of Tony Adams and Martin Keown is not to be broken down by meaty blows. In the end, guile was to prove their undoing and, by that late stage, artifice was not expected to make an appearance.

It was not always the players' fault that the action, which saw Remi Garde taken off on a stretcher

off in the fourth minute following a challenge by Solano was a matter of bump and bruise. A soft, abraded surface made the ball a bit of a stick-in-the-mud and, as the passes refused to roll, a static game joined the players together through tugs and pussles.

The resilient aspect of Arsenal was highlighted by Patrick Vieira, the sentinel in midfield, whose guard duty still allowed him time off for bouts of definess. In the twentieth minute, he turned near his own corner flag to detach himself from Brady and embark on a loping surge before supplying Nicolas Anelka, who sent Overmars through with a flick.

Newcastle could not stop Arsenal then, but Mike Reed, the referee, did, deciding that Anelka had been fouled by Nikolaos Dabizas and declining to play the blatant advantage. Even so, Gullit's side were not to be saved from themselves in the 36th minute. Both of Newcastle's centre backs were at fault, with Steve Howey fluffing a clearance to Bergkamp and Dabizas failing to intercept the pass from the Dutchman that sent Anelka clear to drift

round Shay Given to finish. The episode left Newcastle with an acrid taste, but there had been sourness in their mouths for a while. In the 29th minute, Solano had taken possession from Speed to

stride to the byline and deliver the ideal, low cross to the back post. Shearer waited there and looked almost nonchalant as he thrust out his right foot to nudge the ball home, Somehow, he made no contact at all.

Newcastle continue to have several faults, but, under Gullit, enough talent has been amassed to ensure that, on days like this, they can atone for them.

NEWCASTLE UNITED (4-4-2): S Given --- L Chervet, S Howey, N Dubizes, O Domi -- N Solano (aub: T Katsiola, 60min), O Hamarr, G Speed, G Brady (sub; R Lee, 60) -- L Saha, A Shéarcr. ARSENAL (4-4-2): D Seamen — L Doom, M Ke-own, A Adems, N Winterburn — R Parlout, P Vieira, R Garde (sub: S Hughes, 4), M Overma's (sub: M Upsart, 8) — N Anelica, O Berghamp. Reference, M Reed.

Beckham rises above United's indifference



UNITED SOUTHAMPTON 2

by Kevin McCarra

PRE-MATCH entertainment is good for business only because it sends many supporters fleeing for the snack bar. The crowd actually stayed and grumbled in its seats at Old Trafford, but could not have mistaken the fact that this fixture was a desultory preliminary to the real event. Ryan Giggs. Dwight Yorke and the rest were a warm-up act for themselves. They did no more than kindle interest in a performance of, one hopes, far greater dimensions that they will give against Internazionale in the home leg of the European Cup quarter-final on Wednesday.

There is more often a glint than a twinkle in the eye of Alex Ferguson, the manager, and he did not consider the long listlessness pardonable. One figure met his standard. While others took the field yet excused themselves duty. David Beckham's desire to make passes was never sated. Every move that brought or promised a goal had a contribution from Beckham embedded within it.

There was nothing statuesque in his display, no inclination to content himself with striking long balls from deep posicions. He often ran hard at Southampton and, in an undistinguished match, the loss of him would have been intolerable. Even the referee was, rightly, solici-tous of his welfare, When Beckham was brought down by Patrick Coll-eter, Peter Jones was as eager to calm the midfield player as he was to book the Frenchman.

After his dismissal against Argentina at the 1998 World Cup, there has been a contrived yet persistent hostility towards Beckham from the fans of other clubs. It may be that, as a riposte, he has learnt to apply his skills with greater concentration than ever. Even Ferguson, who was otherwise in no mood for olaudīts, said: "He has been magnificent for us this season."

In the game with Inter, Beckham will face Diego Simeone, the man against whom he retaliated to earn that red card at the World Cup. On Saturday, however, United eventually demonstrated that the excitement of their European Cub can paign will spring from more than the melodrama of one man's life. Having tried to rest some important members of the team, Ferguson found that the competence of the visiting team compelled him to reinstate them as substitutes.

SOUTHAMPTON, surprisingly confident at a ground where they have now lost ten matches in a row. kept possession well in the first half, even if they fashioned virtually no chances. Beckham set up Yorke and Giggs for headers that were blocked on the goal-line, but United's discontent grew and Roy Keane was brought on to generate the pace that had been lacking in

the build-up. The erosion of Southampton was under way and they also lost Ken Monkou with a hamstring injury. In the 79th minute. Beckham's corner was nodded back by Henning Berg, laid-off by Yorke and finished with the low shot from Keane that deflected from the leg of Colleter. Four minutes later, Beckham barely broke stride as he tamed Denis Irwin's awkward, dropping clearance before striding on to flight the beautiful pass that allowed Yorke to sidestep Paul Jones, the goalkeep-

er, and increase the lead. All the same, United should experience a little unease. Once more. they were as unhappy at set-pieces as they have been in the European matches. James Beattie met a cor-ner from Matt Le Tissier, a substitute, and headed against the bar when the game was goalless. In injury ome, Le Tissier, unhampered, glanced home Jason Dodd's free kick. A minute earlier, Peter Schmeichel had dived for a Le Tissier shot and spooned the ball to Beattie, who hit the post. There is still remedial work of one sort or another to be done at Old Trafford.

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MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-2): P Schmeichel

— G Neville, H Berg, R Johnsen, P Neville (sub. D

livier, 78mm) — O Beddhern, P Scholes (sub. R

Keene, 46), N Burt, H Geggs — O Yorke, O G

Solsiquer (sub. A Cole, 67)

SOUTHAMPTON (4-4-2): P Jones, — J Dodd, K

Monkou (sub. F Beneit, 50), C Lundekvam, P Cole

eter — O Hughes, M Caldey, C Menden, W Bridge

— J Beattle, E Ossenstad (sub: M Le Tissuer, 67)

Reference P Jones

Gregory reconciled to failure

ASTON VILLA

the feeling remained that Aston Villa would slip behind the true championship contenders come Gregory, the manager, expected place in the Ucfa Cup, the worstcase scenario until recently, must Gregory was merely stating now be considered uncertain.

ent when he effectively conceded the passion and purpose usually defeat in the challenge for the title reserved for the last game of the campaign, when their status hingafter a shocking reverse on Satures on the result, they were usbered of exaggeration when he declared to a first league win at Villa Park the performance as the "worst of as smoothly as guests at a wedding. Flimsy both in defence and midfield, Villa stood uneasily my life as a player or a manager", but not of his candid assessment of Villa's present situation. "We are in a linear 4-4-2 formation that saw Hendrie and Merson confined to the flanks and the full backs offer-

If Leeds United beat Leicester City tonight then Villa will slip to

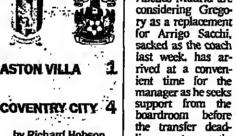
While Coventry City played with

ing little support.
"I saw things which confirmed my worst fears about certain players." Gregory said. "There are a lot

those are excuses not reasons. I have not dealt with matters too well so I'm facing a huge test myself. But I am a good manager, and I intend to do something." Although he sug-

gested that moveby Richard Hobson ment in the transfer market represented the easy option, it is one that he is likely to take. "We should have but whether Stubbs can provide gone and spent another EIO million on players to strengthen

the squad. Failure to land the



last week, has arrived at a convenient time for the manager as he seeks support from the boardroom before the transfer deadline next month. Alan Stubbs, the but whether Stubbs can provide

the strength of the injured Ugo Ehiogu is a moot point. It is difficult to imagine the robust Ehiogu being muscled out

A suggestion that first two Coventry goals. After 24 Aloisi turned anead of Scimeca before angling his low shot across Oakes. Then, five minutes into the second half, Scimeca again allowed himself to be beaten by Boateng, who scored at the near post. By this time Boateng had secured a firm grip in midfield to

complement the craft of McAllister and endeavour of Telfer. Coventry could consider themselves unfortunate that Uriah Rennie, the referee, deemed a challenge by Shaw on Joachim worthy of a penalty, and if Dublin had scored from close range four minutes after converting from the spot then Gordon Strachan, the manager, might have spoken more caustically about the decision afterwards.

Instead, Aloisi reacted smartly when Southgate lost his balance to volley in a free kick by Froggatt in the 72nd minute and Boateng completed the victory by lobbing Oakes as the goalkeeper tried to McAllister. A serious ankle injury to Watson and a muted display by Dublin compounded the difficulties facing Gregory. Strachan has a happier problem

in how to accommodate the predatory Aloisi when Whelan recovers fitness. "Huckerby and Whelan want to play good football and like scoring goals, but Aloisi is just desperate to score goals." Strachan said. Other defences will offer the Australia striker less assistance.

ASTON VILLA (4-4-2): M Osives — S Wason (auth G Barry, 43min), R Scimeon, G Southgale, A Winght — P Merson, S Garyson, I Taylor (sub: M Draper, 25; sub: S Collymone, 60), L Hendrie — O Dubin, J Josephin. COVENTHY CITY (4-4-2): M Hodmen — R Nisson, R Shaw, P Williams, O Burrows — G Boelong, P Teller, O McAllicier, S Propagat — O Huckerby (sub: G McSheffrey, 90), J Albest Referee: U Rennee.

fifth place, their lowest position of the season. But regardless of the Juninho deal was a huge disapof injuries and not much confiresult at Filbert Street, self-belief is of the challenges that led to the pointment," he added. - Houllier building on weak foundations

NEXT to Gerard Houllier, Gianluca Vialli, with his penchant for school-uniform colours and jumpers, looks every inch the keen student. But Houllier, while appearing professorial, needs to peek over Vialli's shoulder to discover the formula they are working

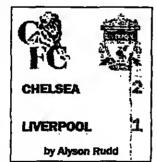
to at Stamford Bridge. casily. Liverpool only applying pressure in the final 20 minutes, and had the visitors secured a draw, no one would

have been fooled. Chelsea should have doubled their goal tally while so evidently on top, but that has been their bugbear all season and still they keep on winning. Liverpool cannot keep on doing anything except bow to the gods of inconsistency. It is not difficult to picture Houllier buried in the bootroom, chalk in one hand, board duster in the other, trying to un-earth the formation that will solve the puzzle and unleash on to the FA Carling Premiership a Liverpool side that lives up to its billing. That is perhaps at the root

of the problem. All this fiddling, tweaking and cajoling has to stop. Liverpool should have been rebuilt years ago. possibly twice over since they last won the league title in 1990. Arguably Bill Shankly's greatest talent was in seeing decline in the midst of victory. of planning beyond the next cup final, the next trophy.

Now the opposite is true. Houllier is clinging on and building around foundations that are just are not strong enough. Both Liverpool and England are suffering be-cause the partnership of Ince and Redknapp in midfield is considered a perfect combina-Oon of guile and guts. Well, it ought to be, and on occasion it has been, but their fine performances do not outweigh their disappointing ones.

Against Chelsea, Liverpool



constant pressure. Babb and Matteo coped reasonably well and while Kvarme and Bjornebye blundered, struggling to adapt to the 44-2 formation forced on them when Heggern had to be replaced in the ainth minute, the entire back line could argue they had been let down.

Houllier has been protective of the team when, on their travels, they have lost ground - this was their eighth away gave away possession in mid-field and put the defence Saturday he was less inclined

to find excuses. Even so, he restricted his criticism to the niceties rather than the fundamentals. "We build up too slow. What gives fluidity to a game is movement," he said. Some disillusioned supporters might want to see move-ment of a different sort. With only a decent placing in the Premiership to strive for, Liv-

erpool are in danger of insular becoming obsessed. Chelsea's concentration ebbed a touch too early, but you could almost forgive them for believing they had done enough in the first half

to win the game.

They rotate much more than just their strike-force at Stamford Bridge. They take it turns to be heroes too. Right now Goldback is the toast of Fulham Road. He and Petrescu enjoyed themselves, pinging the ball from wing to wing, leaving the visitors dizzy and disorientated, and from a deep cross by the Ru-

manian, Goldback snatched Chelsea's second goal. "I was unmarked." he admitted. That happens sometimes but why had no one on the Liverpool bench noticed that Goldback had been continuously

unmarked and ordered Kvarme to stalk him? Liverpool could have played the misfortune card early on. Babb giving away an early penalty, converted by Leboeuf, after it appeared he was not intentionally han-dling the ball but claiming a foul against him by Flo.

Liverpool created chances other than the one that led to Owen's goal in the 77th minute, but it is not just Chelsea who have brushed them aside this season.

25ide fhis season.

CHELSEA (4-4-2): E De Goey — A Ferrer, M Desaily, F Leboeu (sub: B Lambourde, 33min), G Le Saux (sub: E Newton, 82) — O Petrescu, F Di Meite, J Morris, B Gordbaek — T A Flo (sub: M Forsset, 85), G Zole, LIVERPOOL, (3-5-2). O James — 3. T Kvarme, O Matteo, P Babb — V Heggern (sub: J M Ferri, 48), P Berger (sub: J M Ferri, 48), P Berger (sub: K Redie 80), S I Bjornebye — M Owen, R Fowler.

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next manag-United over-LEICESTER CITY shadowed an otherwise forgettable encounter between these clubs last October. When Tony LEEDS UNITED Cottee earned Leicester City

a 1-0 win at Elland Road Tonight, 8.0 the odds on Martin O'Neill replacing George Graham shortened. Africa at 6am this morning, Some three weeks passed will play his second game in before O'Neill finally reject-ed the overtures from three days, having appeared for his country having Elland Road and David against Gabon on Satur-O'Leary accepted the post-Leicester supporters danced day, but Woodgate is suspended. O'Neill recalls Cottee, while Heskey is in the streets, while at Leeds they reserved judgment. Half a season later, the verexpected to have recovered

from a back problem. LEICESTER CITY (possible: 3-5-2) Keller — P Kaamark, M Blioti, Ullathome — F Snotar, T Zagoraka, Lannon, M tzet, S Guppy — A Cottee Hester Hestery Hestery LEED'S UNITED (possible: 4-4-2). Nartyn — O Halle, O Wesherall, Padiebe, I Harte — Al Hastand, Bowyer, O Hopkin, W Korsten — J Hasselbank, H Kewell

TELEVISION: Live on Sky Sports 1, from 7pm.

PREDICTION: Home win.



Chelsea chase Sutton

HAVING made what appeared to be a tongue-in-cheek approach to Chris Sutton. the Blackburn Rovers forward. Chelsea's interest may be more serious (Alyson Rudd writes). After Blackburn's I-I draw at Stamford Bridge two weeks ago. Suzannah Dwyer. the partner of Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, asked Sutton: "How do you fancy

What Sutton assumed was

a joke has now turned into

playing for us?"

genuine interest. Chelsea's FA Carling Premiership, FA Cup and Cup Winners' Cup campaigns are all in robust health, despite their apparent struggle to score goals. Sutton, who would cost

make the difference while Tore Andre Flo regains fell fitness and Mikael Forssell, the young Finland forward, learns his trade in the Premiership. "It's flattering when a team like Chelsea want you." Sutton said.

around £10 million, could



dict on O'Leary could hard-

ly be more favourable. Victory against a Leicester

side without a win in six

league games tonight will

lift Leeds into fourth place

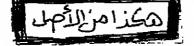
in the FA Carling Premier-

ship and raise hopes for a

Uefa Cup place next season.

arrive home from South

Radebe, who was due to



Nationwide League: Bradford rise while Goldberg's popularity sinks in victory

Jewell revels in thrill of the chase

Bradford City. West Bromwich Albion.....0

CRAZY, Paul Jewell, the Bradford City manager, called it. Strange. Denis Smith, his West Bromwich Albion counterpart, concurred. They were talking about the Nadonwide League first division in which no fewer than eleven clubs are still clinging to the hope that they can join Sunderland, the runaway leaders, in the FA Carling Premiership next

Jewell's remark was prompted by the news of Bolion Wanderers 3-1 home defeat by the bonom club, Crewe Alexandra, which had allowed Bradford to sneak back into the

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second automade promodon position, behind Sunderland. That sort of thing can happen in this division." he said.

Smith's comment was in support of his contention that West Bromwich can still win a place in the play-offs, despite the fact that they have now taken only one point from their past four games and dropped to ninth

"Everybody is beating one another." he said. "We've had a bad month and it's not done us the world of good. It has made life extremely difficult, but it isn't over yet. I've just told my players that it's only March. The season finishes in

Bradford did not need reminding of that but there is a growing belief at Valley Parade that they are on their way back to the top division of English football for the first time since the 1921-22 season.

They have been beaten only once in their past 13 league games and Jewell reflected his pleasure in the way they are churning out results in his chipper. Scouse way. "I'm

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glad we're out of our slump." he said. "Two draws and a victory. Terrible."

Bradford still have a long way to go if they are to compete on a regular basis with the club that was relegated with them 77 years ago — it just happened to be Manchesier United - but, on Saturday, they showed a similar facility for winning games without

playing as fluently as they can.
There were valid reasons for
that. They were without the
influential Beagrie on the left because of injury and when their other winger, Lawrence, went off in the 17th minute with a bad back, they had to split their prolific striking part-nership of Mills and Blake to retain their shape.

There was an unexpected

however. Jewell pushed Jacobs, normally a left back, into a left-sided midfield position in place of Beagrie and was able to claim afterwards, albeit with tongue firmly in cheek, "an inspired change of tactics by the manager. I always knew he could play left wing."

Apart from that, Jacobs scored the goal, after only two minutes, to upset West Bromwich's pre-match plan to pack their midfield in order to make themselves more solid in defence. Sneekes conceded a foul on the right and, when Whalley's free kick was headed out, Jacobs's shot was deflected past a wrong-footed Whitehead

Bradford seemed to have scored a second goal in the 25th minute when Mills turned in Rankin's low cross, but it was belatedly ruled out for offside and, for all the excellence of McCall and Whalley in midfield, their nerves were beginning to fray when Rankin squandered two second-half chances.

BRADPORD CTY (4-4-2) G Walsh — A O'Bhen O'Moore, A Westwood (sub J Creyer, 84 mms), L Todd — J Lawrence (sub I Fankin, 17 mm), S McCall, G Whelley, W Jacabs — F Blake L Mills WEST BROMWICH ALBION (4-5-1): P Winichead — P Holmes, S Muphy O Bur-gess J Van Steek — M Angel, M Borolaza sub P Raven, 87. J Quint Issub F De Fred-ss, 60): R Sneekes, k Kilbane — L Hughes

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Mullins, left, turns away in celebration with Morrison, centre, after giving Crystal Palace the

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

MANY Crystal Palace sup-porters travelled to Selhurst Park yesterday with one aim in mind: to heckle Mark Goldberg, the chairman, and voice their dismay at his troubled eight-month stewardship of the Nationwide League first division club. They left, a few disgruntled chants and token protests later, in buoyant mood, having witnessed Palace's first victory since Boxing

The expected mass calling for Goldberg's head did not materialise. The fans' anger may yet resurface, not to mention that of the players. They did not receive their monthly wages on Friday and will wait with trepidation until Wednesday, when Goldberg has promised to pay up from his personal funds. That the value of his shares in his computer company recently slumped from its £10 million "comfort zone" to little more than £2

million does not augur well. Goldberg remained upbeat amid the discontent. "Maybe my biggest mistake was my

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Mullins gives Palace rebels cause to smile

ambition," he said. "I thought too big too quickly. I can anderstand why the fans are angry but it doesn't help to fight with me. It's the time to unite, not fight." Steve Coppell, once again called into the breach after the department. ture of Terry Venables, the Pal-

ace coach, six weeks ago, has en it all before. "I think it's part of the Palace fans' mentality," he said. "They love to suffer the torture. I'm just glad we didn't play brilliantly and win 50 be-

cause some of my players. might have then been sold. "We had all kinds of excuses—the strong wind, the state of the pitch, the chair-man's problems and not be-ing paid. I'm just happy we got a scrappy win. The players are philosophical about it all

and, in the circumstances,

As he crisp packets and assorted left flew around in the me. It gusts, neither Palace as Barnsley were able the conditions with any dependent of success. That 17,000 as had turned up to chast size said much for cheer, or jeer, said much for their balks of armchair view ing or perhaps darker, sadoprofessional job."

Copyell was spot our it was trime. The goal that decided it, in the 25th minute, was apart in the 25th minute, was apart in the scrappy, with Mullins transfer into the Barnsley and attempting to push his shot past Tony Bullock, the onrushing goalkeeper. The ball bobbled at the vital moment over Bullock's tal moment over Bullock's prostrate body and trickled into the net for Mullins's third goal of the season.

"I must be the biggest mug in the world," Goldberg said, "but we've got to stick together and see this through." The three points, however ill-deserved, should give him some breathing space.

CRYSTAL PALACE (3-5-2); K Máor — G Petrc, G Moore, A Lnighen — J Smith, S Thomson (sub: S Evens, 58mm), H Mulling, C Fosser, Sun Jital — C Montson, Fan Zhyl

C Hoser, Sun Jargi — C Morrison, Han Zhly (suc), L. Alpkierche, 731 BARRISELEY (4-4-2); A. Buttock — N. Eaden, A. de Zietuw, S. Jones, C. Blastemore — A. Mis-ese (sub.", M. Aoptelby, 37, Julio; M. Buttock, 44), K. Richardson, C. Hignest, O. Shendan (sub.; O. Gipodman, 48) — B. Dyer, M. Shenon,

Francis goes Continental via North Sea

Grimsby Town0 Birmingham City......3

BY MARTIN WOODS

TREVOR FRANCIS intro-duced a little bit of Serie A artistry to the North Sea. alloument that is Blundell Park when his Birmingham City side gave a masterclass in the art of defending to erode further the tantalising prospect of Giantuca Vialli and company gracing Cleethorpes in the FA Carling

Cleathorpes in the FA Carling Premiership next season.

Every year, the Premiership entertains a club from the wrong side of the tracks before showing it the door. Alan Buckley's Grimsby Town would trump any of the disadvantages held by previous incumbents of the top division's trapdoor. Even among the candidates for a play-off place. Grimsby revel in the role of Grimsby revel in the role of rank outsiders. However, if points were awarded for a manager's disarming honesty. automatic promotion would beckon. "I thought we were sec-ond best." Buckley said. "They deserved to beat us."

Beaten previously only twice at Blundell Park this season by sides, as Francis pointed out, just departed the Premiership, Grimsby are a formidable proposition at home. so Saturday's 3-0 verdict intimates the growing validity of Birmingham's claim on an automatic promotion spot. They are the best I've seen for a

while," Buckley said.

Birmingham's masterful defence, marshalled by Gary Rowett, laid the foundation for victory in the first half when they withstood everything Grimsby threw at them before taking the lead nine minutes before the break.

The goal was a reminder of how the Zimbabwe international Peter Ndlovu once illuminated the top flight. Taking possession just outside the right of the Grimsby box, the former Coventry City striker twisted and turned Lever and Smith before unleashing a shot through the crowded area into the right-hand corner of

For all Grimsby's monopoly on possession, their near, intri-case passing game too often foundered on the rock of Rowett and Johnson.

If Grimsby's primary fault was over-elaboration. Bir-mingham derived their ascendancy from concentrated sim-plicity. O'Comor, the captain, and Hyde were instrumental in maintaining their side's ad-vantage as Grimsby redou-hled their efforts after the break. However, their prospects were undermined as Le-ver did not reappear and Buck-ley was forced to deploy Groves, his captain, as a make-shift centre half.

When Hughes dribbled clean through the right side of the home defence before shooting straight at the goalkeeper. Davison, a quarter of an hour into the half, it confirmed City's growing sense of superi-ority. They had drawn Grims-

BOB TAYLOR equalled the all-time goalscoring record for the third division of English football with all five goals as Gillingham demol-ished Burnley 5-0 at Turf Moor. Taylor scored four times in the first half before adding his fifth three minutes after the break.

by's sting and I-0 was not going to satisfy them. Francis proved his theory that a spurned striker is a dangerous one five minutes before he end when the substitute, Dele Adebola, turned Smith outside the box before straking the ball wide of the out-stretched Davison. Rower then rose above the home de-fence to head home, like a bul-let, Hughes's corner. "We just don't throw a back four together," Francis said. "We do a lot of hard work on the training ground."

GRBMSBY TOWN (4-4-2): A Devision — J McDermott, P Smith, M Lever touto: W Burnett, 45min), Y Bestimone — K Dorkoven, S Cockloot Isuto: T Widelfrington, 6-4). P Groves, K Black — L Nopan (salo: O Clare, 48), L Ashroott, Birmannesham CTTY (4-4-2): K Poole — J Bass, G Rowett, M Johnston, S Charlington, M Camper, M O'Connox, G Hyde, B Hughes — P Furton, 3 (auth N Forster, 189), P Nidionu (salo: O Adebola, 71). Reference O (12ws).

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Houston leaves Wright on top

Bristol City . Ipswich Town...

Palace won in ugly fashion

but perhaps were due a slice of good fortune. Barnsley, with one eye on their FA Cup quarter-final against Totten-

ham Hotspur on Saturday,

had hardly contributed to an

awful spectacle when they ex-

perienced a bizarre series of in-

juries shortly before half-time.

Moses was the first to go after

colliding with Jones, his team-

mate, and sustaining a gashed head that required eight stitches. Appleby, his re-

placement, went seven min-utes later with a suspected cracked pelvis — his fall possi-bly caused by the uneven sur-

face - and Sheridan failed to

reappear after the interval be-

cause of a dislocated law. Of

the three, only Moses might recover to play Tottenham.

BY DAVID POWELL

JUST as surely as Stewart Houston is leaving Ipswich Town, so luck is deserting Bristol City. Bristol had not so much the lion's share of the chances as enough to feed an entire jungle, but Richard Wright, Ipswich's England Under-21 goalkeeper. proved unbeatable.

Ipswich moved up one place to third in the Nationwide League first division with their twentieth clean sheet. "How long have we been saying that Richard is the finest young keeper in the country and it was there to be seen again today?" George Burley, the Ipswich manager, observed.

Wright's best moment was a double block from Locke's drive and Akinbiyl's follow-up, but he would not be persuaded

into admiring his own work. "In trainingevery day we work on things like that," Wright, 21, said. He is sorry to lose Houston, whose last game as coach this was before joining Tottenham Hotspur. "He has been a great influence on me." Wright

Houston is tearning up with George Graham, with whom he had a successful partnership at Arsenal. After the game. when Houston brought the players back out to warm down, they good-naturedly wrestled him to the ground. In return, he left them with a flea in their ear. "Ipswich have to be better on Tuesday against Wat-ford," Houston said. "We cannot go on playing the way we did today."

John Gorman, assistant to the former England coach, Glenn Hoddle, raised speculation that he was to be Houston's successor by his presence in the stands. Asked the question, Burley did not deny it. A 55th-minute goal by Richard Naylor gave Inswich their thirteenth point from five matches and added to the bad luck be-

ing dealt out to Bristol City.
In a bleak February, they have lost to a disputed 89th-minute goal against Sunder-land, enjoyed the better of the chances against Queens Park Rangers and Ipswich, without winning, had three points snatched away from them in the ninetieth minute against West Bromwich Albion. and lost two key players, Tistimetanu and Bell, to injury for the rest of the season.

On Saturday, after the final whistle, a radio commentator suggested that City were not dead and buried yet. After two wins in 18 matches, they are almost being

BRISTOL CITY (4-4-2): S Philips — L Carey, M Shail, V Sebot, J Brannan — S Andersen, A Locke, R Edwards Isub, M HBI, 76 high, A Brown — A Adrebyt, S Topey PSWICH TOWN (3-5-2): R Whight — M Thets, A Mowbray, M Yanus — F Winis (auth, M Stockwell, 46), K Dyer, J Magalton, M Holland, J Clapham — R Neytor, M Harewood (sub: R Pates, 52)

promotion drive

Macdesfield Town... Wigan Athletic.....

BY A CORRESPONDENT

taken by Macclesfield Town over these past two seasons but a small step backwards seems inevitable now after this latest home defeat that leaves them rooted at the foot of the Nationwide League

second division.

Even the Macdesfield faithful, who have followed the club from the Conference to their present status, appeared to accept that the chill wind blowing across the tiny South Cheshire ground was an ill one. Lack of money and a rise to prominence that has come too quickly was the general opinion.

Despite their posicion and the state of the Moss Rose pitch, Sammy McIlroy, the Macdesfield manager. Macciesticid manager, remained pragmatic. The pitch is a disgrace but it's the same for both sides," he said. His task is now to lift his team for the borne derby match with Stoke City, another team in poor form, tomorrow.

Macclestield's performance in the first half was desperate, but the goal by Wigan Athletic that decided the contest was derived from cruel luck. David Lee's sixth-minote floating cross from the right

Wigan maintain Sombre Southend learn facts of life

speed on the stiff north-easter-

ly and cluded Ryan Price's frantic efforts to backpedal in

time to make the save. Although the home side rallied after half-time, by then Wigan's defensive lines, expertly shored up by Colin Greenall, their centre back. were well established.

Wigan have now lost just two of their past 21 matches. Financed by David Whelan. the chairman of JJB Sports. they will open next season in a new 30 million stadium and it may yet be a debut in the first division.

If that target is to be attained. Simon Haworth, Wigan's record signing, will surely need to be fully fit to provide impetus to a promotion drive. He joined colleagues who

had upt played on Saturday for a gentle jog around the pitch after the match. Since Hawath, formerly of Covertry City, signed for £600,000 last October, he has been troubled by hamstring problems. Ray Mathias, the Wigan manager, can afford not to rush his return.

MACCIESFIELD TOWN (4-4-2) R Price
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P Mabley r Mabas MISAN ATHLETIC (5-3-2): R Cerroli — C Bradshow, P McGibbon, C Greenell, S Salm-er, K Starp — O Lee, P Rogers, M O'Nell — S Barlow, — O Lee, P Rogers, M O'Nell — S Barlow, A Lidded Reference J Kirkiny. Cambridge United Southend United .. BY ANDY STEPHENS

SOUTHEND United provided proof at the Abbey Stadium on Saturday that statistics are like a bikini. What they reveal is suggestive, but what they conceal is vital. Alvin Martin's

side won more corners than Cambridge United, had as many shots on target as them, twice hit the woodwork and created the easiest goalscoring opportunity of the afternoon yet were still soundly beaten. Cambridge, inspired by those invisible virtues of spirit

and self-belief, were good value for their success. They displayed a much more acute killer instinct and, aided by two goals from John Taylor, won comfortably to stay on course for promotion from the Nationwide League third division. Southend should have taken

the lead in the 42nd minute, when Unger found himself with only the goalkeeper to beat. He shot feebly wide, though, and his distress was multiplied on the stroke of half-time when Taylor chested down a pass from Martin Butler and hit a 25-yard leftfoot volley that flew inside the

The visiting learn pressed hard for an equaliser in the

were not exactly resting on their laurels and it came as no surprise when Butler, the man of the match, doubled their advantage in the 74th minute. Five minutes later Taylor, in splendid isolation, chipped the advancing Margetson to

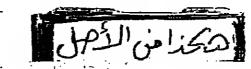
Chapple

complete the scoring. This victory leaves Cam-bridge one point behind Cardiff City, the leaders, with the luxury of a game in hand. However, the word promotion is best whispered in the vicinity of Roy McFarland, their manager. We are still a million miles from the second division," he said. "I believe in the old Liverpool adage of the season not starting until Easter — when you know exactly what you've got to do."
in contrast, Southend, relegated for the past two seasons, languish in eighteenth place. It seems remarkable that it was only three years ago that they were more than

holding their own in the first division - winning 3-0 away to Charlton Athletic and doing the double over Leicester City. Those statistics take some swallowing these days.

CARESHADGE (MRTED) (4-4-2), A van Hausdam — B Chenery, A Duncan, M Joseph, J Campbel — N Mustoe, P Warless, T Bargarini (sub: M Vol. 87min), I Ashbee — J Taylor (sub: R Walker, 87), M Butler.

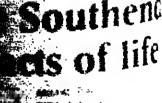
SOUTHERN LIMITED (F-3-2): M Marget-son — M Beard, M Booty, A Hudds, R Newman, S Coleman (sub: P Regence, 73) — K Marker, I Unger, S Houghton — B Conlor, N Roseth (sub: A Burns, 73)



Oliver Holt says Manchester United must exploit fragile opponents

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bringing their collec-tions to Milan this onale will be out of town. Ronaldo, Roberto Baggio, Youri Djorkaeff and the rest have

business to attend to in Manchester, a million miles from the carwalks, but anyway, in Italy at least, they have already gone out of fashion. As they regrouped at their rural retreat at Appiano Gentile in the shadow of the busy trying to rid themselves of the haunting memories of their dour goalless draw with Juventus at the San Siro on

Saturday night so that they can leave for Manchester tomorrow with delusions of optimism. By the end of a game that was notable only for its almost continuous stream of schoolboy errors and unter lack of invention. movement and flair, Inter's long-suffering supporters were hurling their pro-grammes onto the pitch from

the upper ners of the stadium.

If they had been at the Nou Camp, they would have waved white handkerchiefs. Their players tried to put a brave face on it all. They said they would be a different team in the first leg of their European Cup quarter-final at Old Trafford on Wednesday. They said they were happy with the way they had played against a luverius side that is itself a pale imitation of the team that has bestrode the European

game in recent years.

The reality, though, is that their problems are mounting. They are a chib close to disarray, teetering on the edge of crisis and lacking direction and helief. Ronaldo, upon whom they seem to have become dependent in attack, did not even make the bench on Saturday

By WALTER GAMMIE

THE embrace between Geoff

Chapple, the Kingstonian manager, and Colin Lippian,

the Yeavil Town head coach.

was heartfelt. As manager

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Inter look designed for heavy beating Zamorano charged around to

and it is almost inconceivable that he will start the tie in Manchester. This unhappy bunch of superstars, in short, is exactwhat United have been

waiting for. There will never be a better chance for the side that Alex Ferguson has built to break through the psychological barrier of never baving eliminated a leading European power from the competition that has become their obsession. At last, they are playing another elite side at exactly the right

left them 13 points adrift of Lazio, the Serie A leaders, and languishing in sixth place. They have won only three of

Chapple gains head start

and coach, they shared much at Woking, including three FA Umbro Trophy triumphs

at Wembley, so Chapple shared his old mate's pain after Kingstonian had seized a quarter-final place with a late goal at Kingsmeadow on Settorday

Saturday.
"I thought it was going to be 0-0." Chapple said. "But it

their nine games this year, each against sides struggling close to the bottom of the table. They have only won away from the San Siro twice all season. They are desperate to coax Ronaldo back to fitness after a two-month, absence nursing his injured knee, but he only began gentle training last Wednesday and the most that Mircea Lucescu, Inter's embattled interim coach, can

Zamorano, right, the Internazionale forward, receives treatment for a shoulder injury during the dour meeting with Juventus at the San Siro. Photograph: Claudio Villa / Allsport

at Old Trafford. Without the Brazilian, Inter's attack lacks a focus for the intelligent promptings of Baggio. Djorkaeff hardly got a kick on Saturday, playing

hope for is that he might be

able to use him as a substitute

'Baggio, as the Juventus players said, is always capable of invention and the unexpected

was a brilliant free kick and a

The winner came as a plind-

Pickard got behind the de-fence in the first half but

failed to make his chances

count on a bobbling pirch and

Fishlock thumped a second-half free kick against the bar.

A sub-plot was supplied by referee D'Urso, who having issued bookings to Patterson.

of Kingstonian, and Brown.

of Yeovil, first shrank from is-

sping merited second yellow

cards to Patterson and then

Brown for late tackles. Con-

Chapple has high ambi-

tions. He revealed a plan for a

El-million redevelopment to bring Kingsmeadow to Na-

tionwide League standards

has council support Mean-

while. Wembley beckons.
The Trophy is something
you get a taste for," he said.
"Clive Walker's got four med.

sistent, at least.

brilliant header."

to beat Pennock

little effect down the centre. For all the talk of how Jaap Stam and Ronny Johnsen would be exposed by the pace of the Italian side, that looks like cheap talk now that Ronaldo seems unlikely to feature. If Stam, as seems probable, recovers from his hamstring injury, he has nothing to fear from Zamorano. It was not all the fault of the attack. They received precious little service from a midfield that is high on

attrition but low on creativity. Diego Simeone warmed up for his reunion with David Beckham by kicking Zinedine Zidane as often as be could but that was the extent of his contribution. Baggio, as some of the Juventus players cautioned United after the game. is always capable of invention and the unexpected and if there is a danger for Ferguson it is that Inter can hardly be

ssentially. Saturday's game was a mid-table struggle that counted for little except northern Italian bragging rights. Neither is going to win the championship; each is pinning their hopes on the European Cup where they will do their utmost to raise their

any worse than they were in

the San Siro.

Still, the signs for United are encouraging. If Inter looked sterile going forward,

Venables is in running says White

ing flash of inspiration in a contest full of unyielding defending, committed work in midfield and a derth of clear-cut chances. Kofi Nyamah swung a curving free kick from the right touchline with his left foot and Simon Steam NOEL WHITE, chairman of the Football Association's international committee, has left the door open for Terry Venables to return as England coach. Kevin Keegan, caretaker manager of the national side, has insisted he does not his left foot and Simon Stew art timed his run to perfection want the job full time and will beat Pennock.

Kingstonian's goals came concentrate on trying to take Fulham into the FA Carling after Leworthy had turned Hannigan and bounced a Premiership after his fourshot off the bar. For Yeovil,

game run ends in June. White is viewed as one of the men behind the departure of Venables from the England job in 1996 and was believed to have been opposed to his return after the dismissal of Glenn Hoddle.

However, White said yesterday: "We will look at certain names put before us and Terry's will almost certainly be among those. I've never queried his coaching qualities and never would. Nobody is saying that Terry Venables will not be the next England coach.

He could do a good job." The FA claimed yesterday it has not been embarrassed by revelations that Keegan has used a faith healer in the past. Hoddle, his predecessor, was heavily criticised for involving Eileen Drewer, a faith healer. with the England squad. The FA is satisfied that Keegan

This week, it is United; ten there were also reasons to hope that United might be days after, they face the Milan able to exploit some defensive weaknesses, too, particularly United must seize their on the flanks. On the rare occaopportunity. Inter are there to sions when Thierry Henry be taken on Wednesday. By the return leg, Ronaldo may be back, their morale may summoned the courage to run at Aron Winter and Javier Zanetti, both ill-fitting wing-backs, have been repaired. They are they looked distinctly uncomdown now and United must fortable. Their performance, display a streak of ruthlesseven against a Juventus side ness hitherto unseen to ensure that is eighth in Serie A. sugthey stay down and go back to gested that they will be vulnerthe city of catwalks in rags. able to the pace of Andy Cole

INTERNAZIONALE (3-4-2-1) G Poglicca — F Colonneso, D Smor, F Galarge — J Zanetti, D Smeone, B Casel, A Winer — Y Dorkaeft (such A Pint, Chrisin, A Baggra — I Zamorano (sub. N Ventola, 69) JUVENTUS (4-3-1-2). A Perusa — A Scinctor, 1 Tudor, C Ferraria, Z Metoric (sub A Dr. Line), 89) — A Conte, O Deschartos, E Davide — C Zetarie — J Estader (sub F Incardis, 60), T Henry (sub O Forssect, 75), Reference: 8 Tomoboria

Beckham, if he evades the

clutches of Simeone, should be

able to take advantage of Win-ter's lack of suitability for the

job, to supply a string of cross-

es for Cole and Dwight Yorke.

Lucescu, a Romanian who is nicknamed "The Gypsy" by the Italian media because of

Wallace grabs hat-trick in Rangers romp

By Phil Gordon

RANGERS do not do 2nything by halves. They strengthened their grip on the Scottish Premier League by demolishing a Kilmarnock side that had conceded only 15 goals until the encounter last night at Rugby Park. Rod Wallace led the rout to restore his side's ten-point lead over Celtic with a hat-trick, two of which came in the final minutes, along with a sublime finish from Jonatan Johansson.

The early goals from Neil McCann had underlined Kilmarnock's lack of belief, but they chased a consolation and were undone. Johansson's breakaway goal in the 85th minute stretched the margin to three and then Wallace compounded the nightmare with two further late goals.

Eight weeks ago, when the Scottish Premier League broke for its winter shutdown, these two clubs shared the same ambition. However, the hiatus had ruined Kilmarnock's rhythm to the extent that a four-point deficit on the leaders had expanded to 15 points because of a sequence of three games without a win.

In the same period, Rangers took maximum points from four games, scoring 17 goals in the process. Dick Advocaat's team wear the mantle of champions-elect with comfort and underlined the reason why after just five minutes. when they took the lead. The goal owed everything to

his swarthy looks, admitted that his side desperately need a win as their trials pile up. Barry Ferguson, the Rangers midfield player, who jumped to his feet after a foul by Baker and sprayed a quick free kick to the right wing to release Andrei Kanchelskis. The Russia player sped away from his pursuers before delivering a low ball across the face of goal, where Neil McCann was on hand to thump it high into the

Just six minutes later Kanchelskis left Kilmarnock chasing shadows again before picking out Stephane Guiv-arch, but his right-foot shot flew just wide of the upright.

The home team had been hoping that the skills of lan Durrant, their midfield player, would pose a threat, but he was anonymous in the open-ing half hour. Indeed, had Tony Vidmar taken advantage of a precise corner from Giovanni van Bronckhorst, then Rangers could have doubled their lead - but he scooped his shot over the bar from six yards out.

Kilmarnock eventually reversed the flow of pressure. but could not create a clear chance for themselves and Stefan Klos, the Rangers goalkeeper, simply did not have a save to ward off the bitter cold.

Gordon Marshall, the Kilmarnock goalkeeper, could not say the same. He was forced to produce a fine stop in the 48th minute, pushing a fierce, dipping shot from Kanchelskis over the bar, after the former Manchester United player had cut inside from the



McCoist and Wright, Kilmarnock's forwards, had both been reduced to spectators by this stage, which perhaps contributed to McCoist squandering a fine opportunity in the 63rd minute to put his side back in contention. A low cross by Burke on the

right begged to be finished. but McCoist, a former Rangers player, struck his shot straight at Klos.

Wallace, McCoist's heir at Rangers, showed how it should be done in the 74th minute as he ruthlessly drove in McCann's cross to double Rangers' advantage.

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and, especially, Ryan Giggs.

Inter needed a fine save from

Gianluca Pagliuca in the

dying seconds to deny Juven-

tus victory after Filippo Inzaghi had skipped merrily past

This deal involves a slight wrinkle in the well-known safety play in hearts. Plan the play in Six Hearts.

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♣ Q84 ♥ Q1032 ♦ KQ87 ♣ 72	# A K Q 104 W E S	♣ J7832 ♡ ◊ J10654 ♣ 865
	♥ AJ2765 ♦ A83 #J93	

Contract: Six Hearts by South. Lead: king of diamonds.

The trump suit has to be played for one loser, and the main problem is to play it in a way to guard against four hearts with either defender. There are various ways of doing that, but starting with the ace is not one of them when you consider the rest of the hand. With the layout above, if West splits his hon-ours when you continue with a low heart towards the nine you have an easy task: discard one diamond on the king of spades and ruff one in the dummy before playing any more trumps, But if West plays a low heart, allowing you to win the nine, you have to go off - whether or not you play a third round of trumps. West will be able to ruff in on the third round of clubs, and another diamond from him beats the contract. Similarly, if West shows out on the first round of heart you are in trouble if East started with

two or fewer clubs. The solution is to arrange to keep a small trump in dummy. Play a low heart section on Saturday.

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a. A musician

and put in the nine if West plays low, and if East then shows out play on clubs. If West is void you take the king of hearts and continue with a heart from dummy. ☐ The BBL have announced

the British teams for the 44th Generali European Championships which will be held in Maita at the end of June. The Open team is: John Collings, Martin Jones, Gary Hyett, Alan Mould, Gerald Tredinnick, Stuart Tredinnick, captain: Chris Dixon, coach:

David Burn. David Burn.
The Women's team is: Pat
Davies, Nicola Smith,
Heather Dhondy, Liz
McGowan, Sandra Landy,
Abbey Walker, captain:
Jimmie Arthur, coach: Phil

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11 a4
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13 Nx4
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15 Nxf4
16 Nxf2

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The teams are competing for a berth in the World for 8 berth in the work of the Championships to be held in 21 h4 22 h4 22 h3 2000.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend

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By Philip Howard

a. An accent b. Sulky c. A chest HANDSEL a. Gingerbread

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KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

With the first half of the elite tournament at Linares almost completed. Garry Kasparov has maintained a slight lead over a dangerous pack of pursuing rivals. After six rounds the scores are as follows: Kasparov (Russia) 4: Anand (India) and Kramnik Russia) 3.5; Adams (England), Svidler (Russia) and Topalov (Bulgaria); Leko (Hungary) 2.5; Ivanchuk

Michael Adams, Britain's representative in the tournament, had a storming start but fell back after a loss to Kasparov (given today) followed by another loss to Kramnik. White: Michael Adams

Black: Garry Kasparov Linares 1999 Sicilian Defence e4 Nc3

Diagram of final position g3 Bg2 d3 Be3 Nge2 h3 0-0 Keene online

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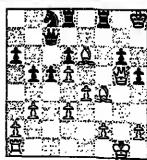
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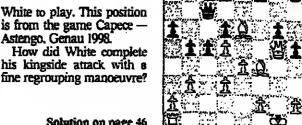
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Solution on page 46





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OVERSEAS



Rivaldo, left, the Barcelona forward, prepares to meet the challenge of Bjorklund, of Valencia in the Spanish League on Saturday. Barcelona's 4-2 home defeat was their third loss in ten days to Valencia but they remain top

NON-LEAGUE AND NATIONAL LEAGUES

EYMAN UNIBOND PREMIER DIVISION: Accompton Starley 2
Spennymoor 3; Bamber Bridge 1 Winstord 1;
Bishop Auckland 1 Lancester 1; Chorley 2
Getestreed 2; Richley 1 Marine 1; Hyde 3
Guicetry 1; Leigh RM 3 Byth Spertam 2;
Stelybridge 2 Gainsburough 0; Workscp 2
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Whitely Bay 3; Burscough 1 Bradford PA 1;
Eastwood Town 2 Raddide 0; Reraley Callot 2
Congleton 2: Greins 2 Droyleden 3; Harrogate
Town 1 Hustonal 0; Malifock Town 1 Great
Harwood 2: Netherfield Kendal 1 Witton 0;
Teefford 1 Stroteshirkne DS 3.

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FRST DMSION: Button O Leatherhead O; Berkhamsted O Yeading 3; Braintree O Wentbley 1; Carney Island 2 Croydon 1; Maidenthead Biognor Regis O; Molesey O Romford 1; Odord City O Greys O; Unbridge 5 Whyelede C; Worthing 1 Chertsey 1. Postporad: Layton Person v Staines, Second division: Town 3 Harthow 2; Barthing 1 Thome 1; Craillons St Pater 1 Bedford Town 2 Harnel Hempeteka 1 Wokingham 2; Horsham 8 Martow 2; Leighton 1 Wiverhor 4; Met Police 3 Whitam 3; Northwood 2 Brackwell 1; Tooting and Mitcham 2 Edynams 1; Window and Elon 1 Hungerford O. Postponed: Barratead v Hertond. Third division: Camberley 3 Bast Turrook 3; Clapton 0 Cheshant 0; Contribien-Casuala 2 Flackwell Heath 1; Ford 1 Epsom and Ered 2. Homohundh 3 Tring 2; Ringsbury 1 Croydon 0; Lewes 4 Egham 1; Southali 4 Dorlang 4; Tibury 0 Aweley 1, Wingale and Finchis O Ware 3.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEASUE: First dM-DR MARTENS PREMIER DIVISION: Bromagrove d Salisbury 2; Dorchester 1 Cambridge City 1; Glouzester 2 King's Lynn 1; Granfram 3 Rothwell 0; Cresity 2 Affarations 1; Bassion 3 Crawley 1; Merthyr 2 Nuneaton 1; Tarrevorth 1 Hasbogs 5; Weymouth 0 Burlon 0; Worcester 3 Hale-sowen 4. PWOLFAPE

Woodbridge 1 Great Yamnouth 2.

JENSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division:
Totors 3 Whitchurch 1; 8AT 2 Thetariem 2.

Bournemouth 0 Portsmouth 4: Christichurch 0
Lymington and New Milton 3; Dowes Sport
Bernation Health 0; East Cowes 2 Downson 1;
Easteigh 1 Warborne 1; Farstrum 1 Money
Fields 1; Gosport 1 Alc Newbury 1; Hamble
ASSC 0 Brockerhurst 1. SOUTH BAST COUNTES LEASUR: First the-stone Barner 3 Portermouth 3: Cambridge Utg 2 Swindon 3: Colchester Utg 2 Luton 0: Gallingham 0 Bournamouth 2: Leyton Orant 2 Brentland 0: Oxford Utg 0 Southend Utg 3: Design 1 States 1: Whentershot 1 Ethicken 0: Reading 3 Bristol 1; Wycombe 1 Brighton 0.

FA PREMER ACADEMY LEAGUE: Under-15:
Cheriton 0 OPR 3; Cheises 3 Southermotion 0;
Crewe 1 Man Utd 0; Fulham 3 Bristol 1;
Laicoster 0 Layda 2; Liverpool 3 Bischbum 2;
Middlesbrough 0 Newcastis 2; Notim Prinst 4
Derby 0; Sunderland 1 Berneley 1; Tottanham
2 Ansarral 2; Watland 2 Milleuel 3; West Ham 1
Peterborough 0. Other Metches Postporred.
Under-17; Blackburn 2 Liverpool 0; Chees 1
Ham Utd 1; Derby 2; Notim Forest 1; Fulham 2
Bristol 3; Lasds 2; Laicoster 3; Middlesbrough 1 Newcastes 2; OPR 2 Chyribon 2; Sunderland 2 Bismaley 1; Watland 2 Bismaley 1; Westond 2 Bismaley 1; Westond 2 Bismaley 1; Westond 2 Bismaley 1; Postporred.
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NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE Premier division: Armshorpe Wettere 0
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Hatem C, Gerfurth 1 Brigg 3: Glesshoughton Wetter 1 Stareley MW 1; North Pemby 8
Matthy MW 3; Ossett Abson 1 Seby 0; Portefeat Cold 2 Protering C, Sheffeld 1 Bardon 0;
Thackley 1 Queett Town 3. Coverty. BANKS'S BRENERY LEAGUE: Premier div

Thackey 1 Queet Town 3.

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LEAGUE Premier division. Arkeey 0 Beaconsfield Sycob 1; Berkingside 2 Harperion 1;
Brache Spersa 3 Russin Manor 2 Buckinghern
Artistic 2 Brimsdown 1; Hillingdon 1 Miston
Keynes 1; London Corinny 3 Bergloon 5 Mary's
0; New Brackwell St. Peter 1 Potters Ber 1;
Royston 0 Brook House 3; Somersett Arrbury
0 Welwyn Gertlan 0; St. Margaretsbury 3
Hoddiresdon 3. Postponset: Harrigey vToddiresdon. Bromagrove 31 8 4 21 28 60 22

MIDLAND DIVISION: Bedworth 1 Solitut Boro 2 Biston 5 Biscowich 2; Evesthem 2 Hinckley 2; Moor Green 0 VS Rugby 1; RC Warwick 0 Nevport APC 0; Redditch 2 Stanford APC 0; Weston-super-klare 4 Sutton Codificial Town 2; Wisbech 3 Stourbridge 3. Postported: Cinderlord v Shepherd Dynamor, Paget v Clevedon. Southern division: Andover 2 Baldock 2; Chrismatiod 4 Newport IoW 3; Chrismated 7 Flat 9; Bith and Belvedere 0 Corby 2; Flate London 0 Ashtord 1; Folkestone Newton 1 Telles-stone Intellig 3 Yate 2; Allargase 2 Braddey 0; Raunds 7 Dartlord 0; Stifingbourne 0 Hevent and Waterlooville 1; Warney 1 St Leonedo 2. HITTELBAK (2009-05) All MANCE Parventil 3. serves 5 greatered to Solow C. Cradley 5 store. Bustleholms 3 Ludlow C. Cradley 5 Brighty Hill 2 Dudley Town 2 Walsell Wood 1, Lye 0 Smethwich C. Stafford 2 Rington 3; Star 6 Witherhampton C. Twiddle 1 Tipton 2; Wash Fields 3 Darkston C. Protoponeck Ethiopshift volume. Walsern, Wolverhampton Casuals v Gomes. Toddingten.

OLD BOYS LEASUE: Premier division: Enfeid:
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Vaughanters 3 Old Hismptonians 0. Postponed: Old Tenisonians v Old Budowellans.
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ARNOTT INSURANCE NORTH LEAGUE: Flat
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Chaster-le-Street 1 Guleborough 0; Crook 0
Seahem Red Star 0; Espingtion 1 Billingham
Town 3; Jamow Rooting 1 Dunston Federation
2; Shibton 1 Newcaste Blue Star 2; South
Shields 0 Bedington Terriers 5; Tow Law 2
Morpeth 1; West Auddand 0 Marsker 2. leiens 1 Ceratration 3; Old Salestern 4 Notes SCREWFIX DRECT LEASUE: Premier dis-eior: Bideford 1 Bristol Memor Farm 0; Bridport 2 Bidetop Sution 2; Calce 6 Bridgeetisr 3; Meli-eriem 3 Emore 1; Odd Down 1 Bernstaple 3; Therton 1 Taunton 2; Westbury 0 Mangotsheld 1. Postporned: Knynsharm v Backwell. COMPLETE MUSIC HELLENC LEAGUE Committee author Patients (Parish Abrigdon) Helien (r. Baribury 3 Swhotwood 0, Feirford 0 Tulley 1; Henrow His 3 Kintbury 4; Highworth 2 Didoot 3; North Leigh 2 EFC Chetenham 1; Wentsgie 2 Carterban 3, Poelparad; Almondsbury v Burnham. UNLET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: Flot dis Satisface 1 Plingmer 1; Shorefrem 0 Horsherr YMCA 4. Postponed: Eastbourne Town v Port ligid: Redhill v Whitehswit. John O'Hant Postporatd: Almondsbury v Surnham.
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Maldon 0 Gorbeston 1; Sudbury Town 3
Newmarket 0; Sudbury Wanderers 0 (sewich 1; Warboys 0 Wronkarn 0; Weston 2 Heiston 2:
Woodbridge 1 Great Yammouth 2:
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aid L Corby v Long Buckby.

VinSTONLEAD RENT LEAGUE: Premier division: Bedenham 1 Crockanhill 1; Cray 1 Urdexcod 1; Erth 1 Deal 2; Faversham 2 Throridge Wells 2; Hythe 1 Harne Bay 1; Sode Green 2 Steppey 0; Tharnesmead 2 Chathern 0; Whitstable 1 Remegate 2. Pretponed: Centerbury v Greenwich.

PA WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE: National obtains: Bradford 1 Southernpoin Saints 0; Cryydon 2 Licerpool 1; Everton 2 Milwell 0. Postipaned: Arsenial v Transmere Rovers; Resign 1 Doncaster. OR V Doncaster.

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PRESS 8. JOURNAL, HIGHLAND LEAGUE Deference 2 Hurtly 5; Forres Mechanics 3 Bryta 3; Fort William 1 Peterhead 7; Fragerbugh 3 Lossierrouth 2; Naim County 0 Cacrinalucian 6; Rothes 1 Eigin 3; Wick Academy 0 Naith 2. nakutha Kath 3 Nama.
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1] Crusadere 2. Postponed Newy v Glenkoar-Past division: Bangor 3 Dungsmon Skits 1; Osidiery 1 Ballydolre 0; Lame 0 Ards 2 Limasady Utd 2 Cimick 3. FU HARP NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier chiefort Derry City 1 Bitsy 1; UCD 0 Stage

POOLS CHECK

VERNONS LOTTERY FOOTBALL GAME RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S MATCHES: There were nine score draws: Eventor v Wimbledon, Totlenham v Derby, Norwich v Sheff Utd; Wolverhampton v Huddersfield; Chesterfield v Men City; Colchester v Reading, Brentford v Scarborought, Rochdale v Cardift, Mothenwell v Duntermine. Payouts on eight, seven, so and five score draws. This weeks estimated pay out for: Eight score draws: 2 winners each £462.50, Six score draws: 701 winners each £43.50. Five acore draws: 5886 winners each £5.

Noncaster Morecambe Forest Green Lack Town Barmy Tellard Southport Welling Foreborough

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Timid BBC finally loses its nerve on match point

0 you decide to put money into a tennis tournament that contains 30 players whose bankability is distinctly hohum, but it also has Tim and Greg. And certainly both are splendid players and splendid chaps and in this country, most hugely watchable. They are cast-iron box-office success. But neither of them is a stone-cold certainty to make the final, or even the semi-final, the big weekend days of

your tournament. So what do you do? It is the most anguishing thing for anyone involved in the business of sport is attractive because it is ultimately unpredictable. Good business practice is all about the ability to

predict, to see around the next corner. That is how you get ahead of the game.

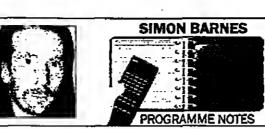
in other words, sport makes money because its unpredictability is so marketable. But it is hard to cope with as a business, because you can't predict it. This is a simple paradox that lies at the heart of sport

Television is an aspect of sport biz, and a very impor-tant one. The BBC bought up the week's big tennis event, which seemed to be held in a disused Toys R Us warehouse in Battersea Park. It had Tim and Greg on home soil, so it was an obviously good idea to televise it. But what if they don't reach the final? The BBC invested money in the tourna-

ment, but not faith. They feared the unpredictability too much. In short, they bottled it. This robustly timorous ap-

proach seemed to be well and truly justified when Tim Henman went out in the first round. This is precisely the sort of result that has sport's money men screaming in anguish. You can supply burgers on demand and a burger is always a burger, but sport has a will of its own. You never know what you are going to get. You never have control of your own product. Tim's out? Well, that's sports biz

It's great for mere punters, of course. Who is around the next corner? It is absolutely great, not knowing. Every time we go to a match or



switch on a television with live sport before us, we might be about to watch the best match we have seen. We know we almost certainly won't. But that little question, that vast chasm of unpredictability, is what brings us back to sport again and again

And the BBC knew that a live final with Tim or Greg - could God be wonderful this week and give us both? - was going to be very watchable in-deed. But with neither, it would all be the most crashing bore for anyone save serious tennis buffs. And so the BBC lost its nerve, scheduled a live rugby league match and gave us extended highlights.

All right, the thing was live on BBC Choice, but most of us haven't got that yet. And Greg Rusedski made the final. which made it a mainstream

sport happening. And the BBC had it, but they didn't put it out; at least they didn't put it out live on Sunday Grand-

Instead, we had highlights two hours late. We missed 24 games altogether. From the way the package was put together, you could effortlessly predict what was happening and which way the games were going to go. This was the case until well into the third ser. I couldn't get my mind on the case until it was 3-3 in the

It was pretty poor television. then. A pity, because it seemed to be an absolute cracker of a match. The BBC couldn't have known that. They couldn't have predicted with 100 per

cent certainty that Greg would make the final and that it would be a belter. So they played cautious.

It was a horrible decision to have to make, but the fact of the matter is that the Beeb got it wrong. Rusedski lost out in a hectic and splendid third set against Richard Krajicek, despite one of the most outrageous pieces of gamesman-ship — in the strict Potterian sense of the term - seen on television for some time. It was great stuff.

I sometimes hear people moaning about Greg and Tim: they don't win every tournament they play in, they have been disappointing, neither has won a grand-slam event, they are maddeningly incon— even Greg. But hey, chaps. We have two Brits in the top ten and absolutely none busting a gut to take their places. Let us just enjoy these two

while we have them. Greg and Tim are living national treasures and the way the two are inextricably linked adds an extra dimension to it all. Their rivalry is a perpetual stimulus to each. one player waxing as the other wanes, until the balance tips back the other way again. We should all revel in this odd pair and do everything we can to enjoy them. That includes those who bring us sporting television. Brings us all the Tim and Greg you can. It's not

'And the

ball had a

That's my ball, and I'm taking it home



very good game. Very active. Quite nippy'

Ball and scrawl: Truss receives her illegibly signed memento from Nigel Gibbi of Watford, while (right) her fluorescent, sponsored version, after successfully avoiding the net, is caught unawares as Howe of Swindon wallops in the winner

eing a football sponsor has never appealed to me particularly. Perhaps it is the cynic in me, but whenever I notice in the match pro-gramme that Dean Gammidge's kil is generously sponsored by "Frankie and Alan" a frisson tickles my spine. Such naive, unquesooning selflessness. I have this persistent image, you see, of those poor saps Frankie and Alan answering the door one Saturday morning mid-season to find all Dean Gammidge's laundry in a

big basket on the step. You're the kit people, right? I'll be back for it this afternoon," says the delivery man. "No starch in the

Thus, when I was asked to be honorary match ball sponsor for Watford v Swindon Town on Friday, I initially hedged a bit. I assumed there was a catch. But no. said the nice woman from Watford on the phone. I had won the deal fair and square in a business card draw, it was worth £400, and I could attend the match with three friends, have dinner in the restaurant (wine extra) and take home

No excuses

Sir. I disagree with Alasdair

Reid (report, February 22), 11

is not a matter of changing the

rules to allow punishment uf

Martin Johnson for stamping.

It is time for the England

selectors to stand up and be

Martin Johnston cynically

and cold-bloodedly stamped

on John Leslie, while he lay

unable to defend himself in the

bottom of a ruck at

From Mr S Kyle

counted.

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the match ball, signed by the players. Wow. To take home the very ball used in the match; have a little display cabinet built; instal a spotlight! People would say I was "deeply sad", wouldn't they? Which is, of course, in football terms, the highest compliment you

However, there certainly was a eatch. It was that you can't get to Watford on the M25 on a Friday night unless you set out the night before. So instead of treating your friends to a free leisurely dinner at Vicarage Road, you make them sit in rainy traffic jams and watch the hours ock by. You then arrive at the ground ten minutes before kick-off in a heightened emotional state, ravenous with hunger, and more than ready to shoot the inevitable obstructive jobsworth with a walkie-talkie who won't let you

park your car. But there was an unexpected benefit to this anguish. A plus side to being late and angry and frustrated. It was that although the inbsworths were naturally out in force (Elton John himself was once denied a parking space at Warford). I discovered, after nearly three years in this grindingly unhelpful foolie business, a glorious open-sesame. "I must get through, I'm the match ball sponsor," I an-nounced. And astonishingly, it worked.

To someone who has never before persuaded a stadium steward to use the teeniest amount of initiative on her behalf, here was a revelation. Someone let me park my car; someone else helped us scoot through the wrong stand, rather than go right round the stadium to another entrance. It was unbelievable.

Forget being from The Times, incidentally; in taking the logical path from A to B at a sporting event, full accreditation and urgent professional necessity cut no ice whatever. In my desperation at the World Cup last year, where I spent five weeks battering my head against bolted doors, I finally memorised the French for 'Let me through with this plasma" - a last-ditch ruse that would, of course, have required me to fill plastic bags with pints of my own blood, but on balance would





definitely have been worth it. Anyway, we got in finally, puff, pant. Rain was falling on the perfect pitch: just under 9.000 people had turned out the remainder of the

usual crowd staying home to

watch it on telly. We saw Watford not score at all, and Swindon score once. At half-time we are the dinner (very good roast beef and veg) and I calmed down enough to get quite enthralled watching the ball itself (my ball) flying about. "Yellow for a night game, f suppose," I pointed out excitedly to my chums, handing them binoculars. "I can't see any signatures on it yet,

though, can you?" And the ball had a good game. Very active, quite nippy. Swin-don's Bobby Howe caught it unawares in the closing minutes of the first half and scored with it, but otherwise it kept out of the net despite several close shaves. I started wondering whether it should have a pet name. Bobby Ball.

Benny Ball. I also worried what would be the consequences if (as often occurs) the ball went out of play and another was thrown in. Which ball did I get? Then, scanning the programme. I discovered the poleaxing news that there was a second match ball sponsor, "Watford Council and the Wiseman Family". What? The Wisemans get the match ball as well? Good grief.

Nobody mentioned anything about a time share. As is perhaps becoming clear, be-

ing match ball sponsor is not an ideal way to watch a football match. You get distracted by the wrong things, such as whether the ball is getting too wet for the signa-tures to stick. In the second half Swindon's George Ndah wore a worrying bandage on his right hand — would be still be able to sign? I was vaguely aware of the Hornets doing their best to equalise — buzz. buzz — but mainly I was concerned with tracking the adventures of Brucie Ball or Brian Ball (Billy Ball?), wondering how much to insure it for, and musing why there are so few auctions of

o you will be glad to know that Barry Ball is safely before me as I write, and of course it is not the real match ball at all. It's a white Watford FC ball (size 5) and I'm dead proud, though having spent two days studying the wild scribbles, I must report that an annotated match ball might be even better.

match balls at Christie's.

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There's a signature that might be N. Wright, but I've squinted from all angles and it still looks more like Hilary. A few of the others are quite legible, but unfortunately bear no relation to the known personnel of the match. "A. Belly", for example, is very clear, but I'm sure I'd remember if he played. Meanwhile those lesser known players "M. Lagst" and "Littlie Gfeinl have signed with admira-

ble flourish. Still, it was a new footie experience, and Watford were charming. and it was my own fault for underestimating the traffic. As I gaze now in wonderment at Bruno Ball, I must admit that my most treasured possession remains a book inscribed by Arthur Miller, but who knows? When Littlie Gfeinl becomes the new Alan Shearer, I can rethink my priorities. Meanwhile, however. I shall practise my wonderful open-sesame without delay

at Monet in the 20th Century.

How dare you block the path of a match ball sponsor? is clearly always worth a go. And let's be honest, it's a lot less drastic than

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SPORTS LETTERS

Percentage golfers make the game boring

for Johnson

His body angle is clearly shown by the photograph reproduced in the paper. His feet are in front uf his body. He

to the players at every level if the England selectors continue

Twickenham. There was no element of mitigation, no heat of the moment, not even a suspicion of Leslie bending the rules a bit and putting himself at risk.

I looked back over a recording of the incident several times. Johnson approached the ruck from a distance, with everything in clear view, with plenty of time to assess the

is not driving into the ruck. His feet are in front of his body weight for one purpose, to stamp on his opponent's face What message does it send

to condone and reward such behaviour, by selecting this

Alasdair Reid states the law is an ass as far as violent conduct is concerned. The selectors are not obliged to

important in matchplay — as is the weather. Television commentators take great pride in From Mr H.E. Paice Sir. John Hopkins (Strokeplay no match for head-to-head. February 22) highlighted much of "calling the shot". Why? Because they know the what I believe is causing so-called "big" golf to lose its attraction. To many of us ardent golfers and watchers of the game, whether live or on

television, the "percentage" approach of the majority of players is boring. interests? Yours faithfully, As stated by Hopkins, a mistake or two may be costly, in every serise of the word, under strokeplay conditions, so we are then lumbered H.E. PAICE. with the unending misery of putt-stalking, West-Wickham, grass-throwing etc ad nauseum - far less

percentage play and are rarely surprised. I don't want to hear their smugness; I'd much rather they speculated — or, shall we say, gambled on getting it right! Surely a format can be devised to satisfy all

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prove themselves of similar tl Beaconsfield Place.

Aberdeen. From Mr Aadel Kardooni

Sir. as a friend and former colleague of Martin Johnson's at Leicester. I found Simon Barnes Midweek View (February 24) offensive. Simon Barnes builds a picture of Martin being a prehistoric man, aggressive and lacking in intelligence. At the same time, he points out that he has never met Martin. I am sure that if he had researched his subject he would have found that Martin is intelligent with

an engaging disposition.

Although I am not condoning Martin's stamping on John Leslie, he is a haid and physical man who plays his rugby in the same way. At the same time Martin is not a socalled "dirty player" who looks to prowl rugby games to hand out his form of retribution. Yours sincerely, AADEL KARDOONI.

From Mr Rob Edgerton Sir, In his Calcutta Cup preview (February 20), Michael Lynagh said England needed someone with "the build of Dallaglio, the pace of Guscott and excellent ball-handling skills". There is such a man playing rugby in England — unfortunately, its the wrong

100 Piccadilly.

code. Andrew Farrell fits this description to a tee, as well as only he, along with players such as Connolly, Radlinski. Robinson and Newlove, were available in the back line for Clive Woodward. Yours sincerely, ROB EDGERTON, Cathedral Court, University of Surrey, Guildford, Surrey.

Lordly confusion

From Mr Denys Franzini

Blair's turn to play fair From Mr Ivor Hall

Sir. Is there not a similarity between the match recently played between Arsenal and Sheffield United and the recent election of the leader of the Weish assembly? Arsenal, whose actions in the first match were considered to be not in the interest of sportsmanship, offered a rematch -

that was applauded by all. In Wales, Tony Blair changed the electoral system that voted for Welsh leader of the Labour Party to suit his own ends, and his "pupper" duly won a hollow victory. Would it not be in the interest of fair play, and the credibility of the Prime Minister, to return this election on a level playing field by giving every

international in Australia on

January 23 (the "calling" of

Muralitharan for "throwing")

does the definition of "any per-

son" extend to the umpires?

Yours faithfully.

DENYS FRANZINI,

10 Courtfield Mews,

person who refuses to comply with the Regulations. In view of the confusion caused at the England v Sri Lanka one-day

Sir, f have made an application to MCC for tickets for a Test match to be played at Lord's in July. I have noted that the Regulations of MCC include "No ... confusion of any kind is permitted in any part of the ground". MCC further reserves the right to being a very accurate kicker. If remove from the ground any

member of the trade unions an individual vote? Yours faithfully, IVOR HALL, 29 Erskine Hill. Hampstead Garden Suburb, London NWII.

From Mr Brian Kain Sir. Now that justice has been seen to be done with Arsenal's FA Cup victory over Sheffield United, should we now not reconsider the fair play "rule"?

The incident in the first match resulted from a United player putting the ball into touch because a team-mate was hurt. Surely it should be the prerogative of the opposing team to make the gesture. ensuring that no time is wasted when players feign injury? Yours faithfully, BRIAN B. KAÍN,

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London SW6.

From Mr Giles Lyon Sir, in light of Arsène Wenger's refusal to accept Marc Overmars's "winning" goal in the FA Cup tie with Sheffield United, does this mean that players would be able to retract "goals" if they thought they were unfair, undeserved or just felt bad about scoring? Yours faithfully, GILES LYON 150a Harbord Street,

This week in THE TIMES



Oxford aim to stem the flood of Cambridge victories in the Boat Race next month. Mike Rosewell sizes up the crews who will battle it out

on the Thames. Wednesday Colin Jackson assesses his chances of striking gold in the world indoor athletics

championships in Japan. Thursday Is the European Cup still in Manchester United's sights after their quarter-final tie

with Internazionale? Friday The Formula One wheels are turning in Australia for the opening grand prix of the season. Kevin Eason

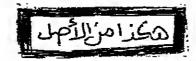
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BY DAVID HANDS

EVERY new administration needs a smile from Dame Fortune and Gloucester's arrived in the sixth minute of injury time at Kingsholm on Saturday. Graham Hughes, the Manchester referee, decided that Chris Sheasby had not released the ball in a tackle and Mark Mapletoft kicked his fifth penalty goal to take the home side into the semi-finals of the Tetley's

Bitter Cup. Richard Hill, Gloucester's deposed director of rugby, who sent a message of encouragement to his former charges, might have reflec-ted that this will be Gloucester's third appearance in the semi-finals in the past four years.

Philippe Saint-Andre, appointed after Hill's dismissal a fortnight ago, knows victory is only a temporary balm. "I have never won easily with Gloucester." the French wing said. "We played with a big heart but we are too traditional here. New rugby is not just kick and chase, scrums and lineouts." Hill knew that and tried to change. Saint-Andre's ambidon is to build a squad that will play European rugby in season 2000-2001.

Gloucester deserved their luck. They lost Scott Benton, their scrum half to a groin strain acquired in the pre-match warm-up and Richard Tombs, their influential centre. after eight minutes with a knee injury. Terry Fanolua, their other centre, was attending a family funeral in Western Samoa. so their attacking resources were thin in the extreme against a side that has not lost at Kingsholm since 1993.

Harlequins made poor use of the strong wind blowing downfield in the first half, which they lost 6-3, and could not score the points their imaginative play deserved in the second. John Gallagher, their director of rugby, was inclined to pass some of the blame to Hughes, though his refereeing of the ball on the floor was consistent with that of many of his peers this season.

We spent a whole day at a seminar for coaches and referees discussing the tackle law," Gallagher said. "I find it incredible that you can do that, think you know what the game is and then find a performance like that in the middle."

Harlequins' hope now is that they can qualify for Europe next season - if Europe proves to be back on the agenda for English clubs. They had the most dangerous runners in Joho Schuster and the abrasive Keith Wood, but they could take little advantage of Dan Luger's confident display.

Gallagher could reflect that his team's try came from a pass by tion but limited technical expertise. The Gloucester hooker spun the ball 30 metres into midfield, missed his colleagues and allowed Harlequins to drive deep into the home 22 from a penalty, from the lineout. Rory Jenkins ran powerfully and Huw Harries, with the hint of a dummy, opened the defence under the posts.

Gloucester's sole attacking ploy seemed the introduction of Saint-Andre from the blind-side wing, but it was Rory Greenslade-Jones who finally unpicked the lock. His run into the Harlequins 22 appeared to have been for nothing when he knocked on but, into the wind. Harlequins could not kick clear, so Sheasby picked up and drove. Alas for the former England No 8, he was judged to have retained the ball on the ground and the accurate Mapletoft did the rest. SCORERS: Gloucester: Penalty goels: Maple-toff 5/26mm/ 38 61, 73, 851 Harlequira: Try: Har-nes 1511 Conversion: Schuster Penalty goals: 5-2huster 2 (29, 68) SCORINO SEQUENCE (Gloucester first) 3-0, 3-3, 6-3 frail-lime), 6-10, 9-10, 9-13, 12-13, 15-13

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Pearce, N Carler, S Ojomon

HARLEGUINS: O O'Leary: J Keyter, P Mensatr
frep, W Calling, 73), J Schuster D Luger, R Liley, H
Harnes, O Barnes, Y Wood, G Halpun, G Lleweltyn,
Y Davson frep, G Morgan, 61), R Jenkins, A
Leach frep, T Murphy, 83), C Sheasby.

Tetley's Bitter Cup: Holders eliminated by resilient Newcastle



Tuigamala, right, of Newcastle, who scored two tries, powers through the Saracens defence during his side's Tetley's little Cup victory at Kingston Park yesterday

By David Hands Rugby Correspondent

NEWCASTLE'S future may yet be uncertain in the long term but if any potential business consortium seeks a going concern, they will find one at Kingston Park. With a display of magnificently controlled rugby in foul conditions, and two deftly taken tries from Va'aiga Tuigamala, the Premiership champions of last season removed Saracens, the holders, from the Tetley's Bitter Cup.

The North East threw in everything it had to offer yesterday driving wind, a numbing rain and. at one stage, sleet across the pitch that put a high premium on basic skills. The response of both teams was better than an enthusiastic crowd had the right to expect, but where Saracens could make noth-ing of their territorial advantage in the first half. Newcastle had the ideal game-breaker after the interval, in Tuigamala. Nor was the Samoan wing merely in battering-ram mode.

His first try could hardly have been bettered, his second, three minutes from time, embellishing

Saracens tumble to guile of Tuigamala

the advantage as Saracens tried desperately to break the stranglehold by running from their own 22. Victory leaves Newcastle looking at the possibility of a second trophy in successive seasons and Rob Andrew, their director of rugby, casting sideways glances at those

running the game.

If Newcastle are drawn at home in the semi-finals today, Andrew will fight tooth and nail to play at Kingston Park - where the capacity is 6,600 — despite the sugges-tion from English First-Division Rugby that the penultimate round must be played at a ground capable of holding 8,000. He is already opposed to the decision to play Premiership rugby through the World Cup next season, when at least five countries are likely to raid his resources, "I would like to know who makes these rules, why is 8,000 sud-denly the magic number?" he said.

But Andrew could not have been happier with the form of his players. A fortnight before, just three days after the announcement that Cameron Hall Developments were to withdraw their funding, a distracted Newcastle were surprisingly beaten by London Scottish in the Premiership. This game made a huge statement about the players and the club," Andrew said. "If we can get the business side resolved quickly, we can move forward. The players will sit tight, no-one wants

Developments are expected within the next ten days, hastened perhaps by the possibility of more silverware on the back of a forward display that was as good as anything Newcastle have shown this season. Garath Archer enjoyed himself at the lineout, when throwing was often a lottery, and the scrummaging work undertaken by

Feidlim McLoughlin paid divi-dends against Saraces in the second half with George Graham holding so redoubtable a prop as Paul Wallace. Security in that area allowed the immensely promising Ross Beartie to roam at large from No 8, helping to police a midfield that, in the first half! Saracens threatened to pierce. Twice Penaud was through, Bracken and Ravenscroft were hauled down just short and Constable kicked when he, perhaps, should have given Thirlby the chance to stretch his legs on the

The game turned either side of half-time. Newcastle worked Legg clear and though the full back was stopped by Daniel five metres short of the line, the supporting wave poured in and Saracers fell offside under their own posts. Even in such a wind, Wilkinson was able to kick the penalty before placing a

probing grub-kick towards Under-wood's wing that Thirlby did well to clear. The second score, eight minutes after the interval, was decisive: Legg made the extra man on the blindside of a scrum on Newcas-tle's ten-metre line, Tuigamala was into his stride and kicked ahead. He pursued the ball so well that he claimed it ahead of Johnson and though the Saracens full back made the tackle, Tuigamala's momentum carried him to the line.

Newcastle's defence became even more grudging after that even when Penaud nipped through a gap and kicked for his wing. The final nail was driven home near the finish. Saracens's passing broke down. Beattie drove forward and Tuigamala arrived from deep to take Armstrong's pass and sprint 20 metres to the line.

Whatever the future of first-class rugby in the North East. Newcastle seem likely to be part of it.

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NEWCASTLE: S Lagg: T Linderwood, M Shew, J Wildmann, V Tudgermeke, R Andrew, G Armehong, G Graham, R Needale, M Hums, O Archer, H Vyvyen, P Welson (rep; S O'Neil, 80), R Amold, R Bestie.

SARACIENS: G Johnson (rep; B Lee, 74); R Thridton, R Comstable (rep; K Sorret, 40), S Reversenott, B Denel, A Penaud, K Bracken, O Flatmen (rep; B Denel, A Penaud, K Bracken, O Flatmen (rep; B).

Indiscipline of Johnson turns tie on its head

Richmond.

By MARK SOUSTER

THESE are difficult times for Martin Johnson. However much he protests his innocence over the John Leslie stamping incident, the impact will undoubtedly leave as deep an impression on the England lock as it did, temporarily, on the Scottish centre's neck at Twickenham nine days ago.

As never before he is a marked man. On Saturday, Johnson was shown a white card for what John Kingston, the Richmond director of rugby, described as a "cynical" professional foul The decision by Steve Lander, the referee, effectively cost Leicester their chance of a league and cup double this season and subconsciously or not, referees are now on Johnson's case, however much others, among them Dean Richards, defend his reputation and deny that he is a target. "If we are trying to clear up the game, pick on somebody who is dirty." Richards said.

The ten-minute spell from the

27th minute turned a magnificent, full-throttle cup-tie on its head. In Johnson's absence. Richmond scored two tries in four minutes, by Clarke and Williams, respectively from scrum and lineout, that won the game and secured their place in a cup semi-final for the first time in

their 138-year history.
Certainly Richmond looked to
play on Johnson's perceived fragile temperament, as well as that of others. The tactic, cynical in itself, worked. As he was against Ireland at Wembley. Craig Quinnell was in turn abrasive and provocative and punched Johnson as the half-time vhistle blew.

To his credit Johnson kept calm.
Quinnell was sin-binned for punching Pat Howard in the second half although, crucially. Leicester managed only one score during his cideling control when Neil Back sideline sojourn, when Neil Back drove over from a lineout.

Kingston praised Lander's "courage" in taking action against the Leicester captain, who was penalised for stepping over a ruck and toe-poking the ball out of Agustin Pichot's hands ten metres from the Leicester line. "If we are going to find space on a rugby field it is so important you are hard on this type of infringement," he said. Lander is to be applauded because it was a cynical offence."

This was not a dirty game however, more rugby in the raw, a fiercely contested Tetley's. Bitter Cup quarter-final, in which both sides spurned opportunities wide out. Leicester were always on the back foot after losing Joel Stransky on Friday with a knee injury. Without his control, and without the line, they could make little headway against a committed Richmond cover defence.

With seven minutes to go, Corry had pounced on a loose ball after Clarke and then Hutton tried to run out of defence, and the feeling remained that Leicester might still have enough character and resolve to win, despite Stimpson's conversion rebounding off the upright. For all their dominance, they were restricted to a dropped-goal attempt by Stimpson that barely got off the ground.

After three days away at Windsor, Richmond had decided to adopt a more direct approach. In short they decided to take Leicester on at their own game — kicking for position, and turning their opponents. In the end, despite a few palpitations, it worked. "Fantastic feeling," Clarke said. "A great day

Aggressive defence gives Wasps their sting

London Irish. By Mark Souster

ONCE again. Wasps can sense that

Twickenham feeling. A year ago they put London Irish out of the Tetley's Bitter Cup at Sunbury at the quarter-final stage with a resounding victory on their way to the final. Yesterday, at Loftus Road, they repeated the feat with a victory that, if not as emphaoic in terms of scoreline, was its equal in terms of superiority. It completed a clean sweep of wins for home sides in the last eight. Given that results have gone with the territory, they will have fingers crossed for another home tie in the draw today.

This victory may not have been achieved in the grand flowing manner of 12 months ago, but this was every bit as saosfying against opponents who have been transformed in the interim. In front of a record crowd of 11,417, it was hard, it was ferocious, and the tackle count 115-94 in favour of Wasps tells its own story.

This was the other side of an

inconsistent team that succumbed larnely at Bedford in the Allied Dunbar Premiership recently. In a game that was dominated by defence, it was Wasps who denied opportunity, and offered them only two penalties within kicking range. Woods was able to convert the first. but missed the second. Their discipline was exemplary, but London Irish contrived to make life difficult for themselves.

Kirke struggled to find his jumpers and, as a consequence, their lineout was disjointed - how they miss Malcolm O'Kelly. The exiles were also undone by their spirit of adventure, running penaloes with

Stransky: ineligible

want to play a fast game, keeping the ball in hand, but with a deceptive wind, it cried out for a calmer head to kick for posicion. That would have at least relieved the almost relentless pressure they found themselves under in the second half and which increasingly forced them into errors.

They ran just about everything and with a defence as resolute as that of Wasps, in which Joe Worsley was outstanding, was a fatal

JOEL STRANSKY, the Leices-

ter fly half, has ruled out playing

for England in the World Cup

later this year because of the

absence of doe qualifications. Stransky believed that he had an

England-born grandfather. which would have made him

But after full investigation,

Stransky, who kicked the

winning dropped goal for South

Africa against New Zealand in

the 1995 World Cup final, discov-

ered that it was his great-grand-parents who moved to South

Africa early this century. This

eligible.

London Irish a single tryscoring almost reckless abandon. They mistake In contrast, Alex King's we play like that again we can prompting maintained Wasps's momentum and territorial advantage.

Dick Best, the London Irish director of rugby, was philosophical. "We never played anywhere near our potential. We made too many errors," he said. Nigel Melville, his counterpart, was giad that his side regained some consistency. The motivation is to go back to Twickenham, where we lost heavily last year, to put things right. But we are

bars him from representing Eng-

land, even though he has stated

his intention to remain resident

in this country.

"It's disappointing news but it takes a load off my shoulders."
he said. "My England career is not an issue now." Stransky

would have become cligible to

play for England a month

before the World Cug began this

O Montferrand booked their place in the European Cup next season by beating Bourgoin: 35-16 in the final of the European

Shield in Lyons on Saturday. .

to the final." Take nothing away from Wasps, though. Their back row was dominant and laid the foundations for success. Worsley was hugely influ-

ential in an aggressive defence; Lawrence Dallaglio was also prominent, while Scrivener ran at the midfield relentlessly. Trevor Leota added an extra dimension in the loose; as well as being a dynamic force around the fringes, he is quick and has good hands. His involvenot taking anything for granted. If ment almost created a try for Dallaglio, who crossed in the second Stransky fails his England test half but was penalised for a double: movement. The England captain,

however, was not to be denied. After 73 minutes Simon Shaw, a replacement for Reed, drove down the short side and Rollitt provided the scoring pass that Dallaglio gleefully accepted. The additional pen-alty goal by Logan three minutes later was the final nail.

SCORERS: Waspe: Try: Dalagio (73min). Conversion: Logan Penalty goals: Logan 3 (1, 73, 76). Dropped goal: Rese (3) London Intic Penalty goal: Woods (32). SCORINS SEQUENCE (Waspa Ired: 3-0, 3-3 (half-time), 6-3, 9-3, 16-3, 19-2. (hath-time), 8-3, 9-3, 16-3, 19-3.

WASPS: J Lewsey: P Sempson, F Waters, R Henderson, K Logan; A King (rep: M Denney, 75mm), M Wood; A Black, T Leota, W Green, M Weedon, A Read (rep: S Shaw, 85), L Dataglio, J Worsley, P Sortwener (rep: E Rober, 88).

LOWDON BRISH: C O'Shoe, J Bishop (rep: J Cunningham, 40), N Burrows, B Venter, N Woods, S Bachrop, K Putt, N Hadley, R Kirke, R Heardwick rep., K Fullman, 70), R Shudwok, N Henvey, J Boer, R Gallacher, I Fessunet.

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SCORERS Richmond: Tries: Clarke (34mm), Williams (38) Conversion: Va'a. Penalty great Va'a (56). Leicester: Tries: Back (46), Cory (73) Penalty goet: Simpson (2)

SCORING SEQUENCE (Richmond first) D-3, 7-3, 12-3 (half-time), 72-8, 15-8, 15-13

RICHMOND: M Pini, N Weine, J Wright, M Doon, S Brown: E Va'a, A Pichot: O McFarland, 3 Williams, O Crompton, C Culmell (gin-bin, 48-56mm), C Gallee, R Hulton, A Vander, B Clarke
LEICESTER: T Simpson, L Lloyd (rex: N Exulted, 10), C Joiner, J Stuart, O Loughead; P Howard, J Hamilton, G Rownbrea (rep. O Jesley, 80), R Cockent (rep. O West, 67), D Garforth, M Johnson (sin-bin, 27-37), F van Hearden, L Moody (rep. P Gustard, 57), N Back, M Cory.

Reference: S Lander (Liverpool)

Hanley offers hope to Sale

Manchester Sale.....18

BY MARK BALDWIN

ETERNAL optimists maintain that there are no endings, only new beginnings: and oprimism, often spilling over into blind faith, is the very lifeblood of sport. Take the events at Goldington Road on Satur-

day.

Bedford, who simply had to win to maintain realistic hopes of clawing themselves out of the Allied Dunbar Premiership's bortom two, produced instead one uf their most disappointing displays of the season to allow Sale, their fellow strugglers, to pull six points ahead of them. But were Bedford in utter

despair afterwards? On the contrary, according to Rudi Straeuli, their director of rugby, whose seemingly unquenchable spirit confinues to provide hard-up Bedford with perhaps their most prized asset. "Our aim is to stay above West Hartlepool and I believe we can do that," Straeu-li said. "And, then, I think we can win the play-off against

placed ream." For a club that have endured a wretched season of under-achievement, including eight successive defeats before this win. Sale were also surprisingly upbeat as their fears of relegation eased.

the second division's second-

Well-organised in defence and slowing the game down whenever possible to take the steam from Bedford's occasional raids. Sale won the day because they have, in Steve Hanley, the most exciring attacking discovery of the sea-

Hanley, 19, may yet force his way into the Five Nations Championship and illustrated with his second try, an instinc-tive eye for a gap, his perfectlyrimed diagonal run inside Chris Yates injecting pace into a stade move.

But the real demonstration of the power of Hanley's 6ft 3in, lost frame, had come 13 minutes earlier. Rory Underwood, who might be 36 in June but did. after all, win 85 England caps, was tight up on Hanley when he received the ball. Underwood was brushed off bke an irritant fly as Hanley thundered away. A case, perhaps, of a new beginning and a sad ending?

SCORERS: Bedford: Try: Paramore (50mm) Conversion: Howard Sale: Tries: Harriey 2 (24, 37) Conversion: Howarth 2 (27, 58) 68] SCORING SEQUENCE (Bediord first) 0-5 0-8, 0-15 (hall-time) 7-15, 7-18 BEDFORD: S Stewart R Underwood. A Mandoch, D Harris (rep. J Ewens, 60mm), 0 O'Methony. S Howard, R Etilou, A Ozdenia (rep. 4 Oliver, 53). J Richards, C Boyd, A Ooderga (pp. 2) Cookle, 49, S Murray, R Winters (rep. Cockle, 14-18), J Forster, J Paramore

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SALE J. Mathrider O Ress, J. Bareindel, C.
Vales, S. Harriey, S. Howarth, K. Elle, D. Beit, P.
Greening, O. Thron, S. Ravinala, C. Murphy
Grep D. Beldwin, 51, P. Anglessa, A. Sender-son, D. O'Cumneagan
Referee; T. Fisher (Cheshire).

Determined Diver has Scotland all at sea

England

By ALAN PEAREY

IF ENGLAND'S women are to close the gap on New Zea-land, the world champions, they could do with a few more like Chris Diver. Yesterday the full back, absent from Eng-land's last outing in the World Cup third place play-off last May, provided the highlight

of a scrappy victory over Scotland when she caught a high ball in her own 22, and with explosive pace raced the length of the field to score. The Sussex firefighter's solo effort was the fifth of six Eng-land tries that launched Gill Burns's side into the first offi-

cial Five Nations Championship in emphatic fashion at Richmond Athletic Ground. Scotland, who had won the

title last year after beating England 8-5, offered stern resistance but never remotely threatened to repeat that upset once Burns, the No 8, had cancelled out Rimma Lewis's third-minute try for the away side.

With the industrious Helen Clayton complementing Burns's power in the back row, and Emma Mitchell, the scrum half, looking as perky as anyone on the field, England won at a canter.

Mitchell and Burns, again.

crossed before the break before Diver glided through within 40 seconds of the restart and, at 22-7, England with seven Saracens players in their ranks - were home and dry, with the second half something of an error-strewn anticlimax.

SCORERS: England: Tries: Burns 2 (8, 28min), Diver 2 (41, 72), Mitchell (23), Crawlord (80), Conversions: College, Burns.

Swansea prolong defiance and Swansea remain in the nents' line in the fourth

BY GERALD DAVIES THE battle of words between

the Welsh Rugby Union on the one hand and Cardiff and Swansea on the other is set to continue. Yesterday was the deadline when both clubs were meant to have paid the £150,000 fine imposed for play-ing unsanctioned fixtures against teams from the Allied Dunbar Premiership. Both clubs have declined to pay and do not intend to do so. What the penalty is for failing to com-

ply remains unclear. On Saturday, Cardiff and Swansia qualified for the quarter-finit of the union's cup compelioon sponsored by SWALEC. Thus their presence is secure for the moment since the union cannot contemplate alienating SWALEC, who would insist that both Cardiff tournament Bridgend, second from bot-

tom of the premier division, gave a good account of them-selves in the first half. With all the enthusiasm that a one-off cup game can motivate and the position of underdog can enhance, the home team forced the game their way. Swansea could hardly settle, committing all sorts of errors so as to allow Cull to kick a couple of penalty goals. When Durston, who had a

fine match, kicked into the open. Swansea were so spreadeagled that three Bridgend eagled that inter Bridgend players were given the choice to pick up the ball. It was Andrew Williams who did so and scored the try.

They might have extended this advantage had Cull been

more accurate with three other penalty chances, but a 13-3 lead was never going to be enough. Swansea forced three scrummages on their oppo-

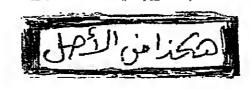
minute of first-half extra time and eventually Rhodri Jones scrambled into the scrum to claim a score. In the second half, Swansea raised the pace arid looked to the scrum to destroy what was left of Bridgend's efforts. Immediate-ly after the restart Arwel Thomas scored a try and thereafter it all became predictable. atter II all Decame predictable.

SCORERS: Bridgend: Try: A Wistarts (15min) Conversion: Cul. Penalty goale: Cul 3 (10, 38, 47). Seamnes: Tries: R Jones (40), Thomas (43), Moriany (51), penalty by (67), Amold (77). Jentona (79) Conservations: Thomas 4, Davies. Penalty goal: Thomas (29)

SCORING SEQUENCE (Bridgend frait: 30, 10-0, 10-3, 13-3, 13-10 (hall-line), 13-17, 16-17, 16-22, 16-28, 16-36, 16-43

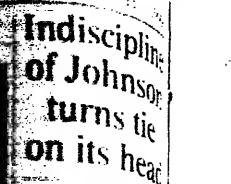
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SWANSEA: O Weatherley, R Riess, M Taylor, B Globs, M Robinson: A Thomas (ne), L Davies, 77), R Jones; D Morris, G Jerkins, C Anthony (ne) B Evens, 50), P Arnold, A Moore, P Morany, C Charvis, L Jones, Reference C Thomas (Neath).



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EDNDAL VI

Silk Cut Challenge Cup: Veteran Great Britain stand-off orchestrates Leeds victory

St Helens trampled underfoot by Powell

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

IN 15 years of rugby league, Daryl Powell has only been to Wembley with Great Britain. Like everyone else associated with Leeds Rhinos, the veter-an stand-off half, who again made a mockery of his troublesome feet as St Helens went the way of Wigan Warriors at Headingley on Saturday, is taking nothing for

The fact that he had not required a painkilling injection, as Leeds maintained their nerve and discipline to reach the Silk Cut Challenge Cup quarter-finals, was a bonus. At 33, Leeds would be advised to wrap Powell in cotton wool. There's a chip and a spur growing on a bone in my foot, so I've a problem. I always thought once I was past 32. I'd just take it year by

Now that Tony Kemp and Graham Holroyd have left, Leeds need Powell fit and in his present form. Karl Pratt, Powell's junior by 15 years,

ing stand-off prospect. In the meantime the ploy of begin-ning there with Powell and pushing lestyn Harris up from full back later in games continues to work nicely.

Graham Murray, the Leeds coach, is an admirer. "You need your tough, experienced men to lead the way. Daryl was outstanding for the time he was on, both in attack and defence. Other guys feed off that," he said. Powell, a confessed long

shot for the coaching position when Murray leaves for North Sydney in October, said: "The way Wigan got themselves as a dynasty in the game is what this club's aiming for." With only a Yorkshire Cup victory to speak of in the 21 years since they last lifted the Challenge Cup, Leeds have reckoned before that they have a winning blend and been disappointed.

This time they may be proved right, not simply because they have a pack that refuses to buckle, but because they can adapt their game. Whereas Wigan were run off their feet. St Helens invited an arm wrestle and flinched. Leeds were initially sucked in was bought from Feather by niggly spoiling, but adjust-stone Rovers as an outstand ed the way that they defend



ed, cleaned up the nicks and, significantly, confeded only two penalties in the second half, while St Helens failed to curb their ill-discipline, which Harris punished with six penalty goals.
The errant forward trio of

Davidson, Nickle and Matautia would be advised to learn controlled aggression, which Ellery Hanley, the S Helens coach, once showed. The

uncompromising nature of Hanley's team was not so much in question as the flair, with which St Helens sides are traditionally imbued yet surfaced fleetingly. Hanley's decision to drop Anthony Sullivan looked justified, as the wings were spare parts. One of the few times that Paul Newlove got the ball, he finished a superb move. Verve rarely matched the St

Helens workrate, and the impetus of Jackson coming on at hooker for Leeds set in motion their opening try by Ryan Sheridan. The darting Sheridan was at the heart of their other try by Newton after Harris had kicked St Helens into submission. Atcheson pocketed a late consolation, but on the eve of a long JJB Super League cam-paign, the road ahead looks

rockier for Hanley than for his former club. SCORIERS: Leads Rhimos: Tries: Sheridon, Nowton Goale: Harts (3). St. Halens: Tries: Newtone, Atcheson Goale: Long (4).
LEEDS RHINOS: I Harris; L. Rivett, R. Blackmore, B. Godden, F. Curmins; O. Powell, R. Shendar; M. Masella, T. Newton, O. Fleary, A. Mortey, A. Farred, M. Giannels. Substitutions: M. St. Hilleire, L. Jackson, A. Hay, J. Mathou.

Wolves begin to justify bold optimism

Warrington Wolves... Halitax Blue Sox..

By Christopher Irvine

THERE is nothing like a cup run to inspire confidence, and with new backers and Peter Deakin, from Saracens, newly installed in the chief executive's seat, Wilderspool is a hotbed of optimism. And with justification after Warringtoo Wolves' victory yester-

The feel-good factor was confirmed by an impressive defeat of Halifax Blue Sox. for whom the first round of JJB Super League matches next weekend presents an early chance for revenge. Halifax were eliminated early from the Silk Cut Challenge Cup last year and reached the play-offs by finishing third in the league, but Warrington gave a clear indication of the stiffer com-petition this season.

More satisfying than tries by four of their back line and another by Roper, a centre converted to loose forward, was restricting Halifax to just two penalty goals by Hol-royd. That's the best defence since I've been here," Darryl van de Velde, the Warrington

coach, said. Halifax were only 10-4 be-hind and had been restored to their full complement, with Mercer's re-emergence from the sin-bin, when they were caught offside in the 54th minute. Roper tapped to

himself on the Warrington 20-metre line and was out of sight by the time that the Blue Sox players realised what was happening. Warrington were inspired by the livewire Briers at scrum half, while Nutley, the prop. was everwhere. With Farrar hugely influential in the rearguard effort, Halifax never looked like adding to their

points in the second half.

Three of Warrington's tries got the green light by the video referee, the first after five minutes when a charge down by McCurrie came under scrutiny in the build-up to a score by the 34-year-old Forster, the only survivor of War-agton's last Wembley final

appearance, in 1990. War-ringtoo could have paid for a clutch of missed chances in the first half, but with a strong wind at their backs in the second, they blew away a disjointed Halifax. Hunte's clever footwork en-

abled him to profit from spillages by Bloem and Gibson. Kohe-Love eased past Cardiss to score beneath the posts, before Penny's late try was converted by Briers.

SCORERS: Warrington Wolvest Triest Forster, Roper, Hunte, Kohe-Love, Penny Gonils: Briers (7). Heiliter Bitre Sout Gonils Hotovot (2). WARRINGTON WOLVES: I. Penny. J Roach, T. Kohe-Love, A. Hunte, M. Forster, S. Wilson, I. Bners; M. Hilton, O. Farrer, O. Nurloy, S. Gibers, S. McCurre, J. Roper, Substitute: O. Hanger, M. Warmunght, G. Chernbers, I. Knott.

HALIFAX RULES SOY: G. Holmond, J. Richard, J

bers, I Knott.
HALIFAX BLUE SOX: G Holroyd, I Bioem, O Gobon, A Craig, O Bouverg, C
Chester, G Clinch, P Broadbent, P Rowley,
K Sterrett, R Mershal, C Gillespae, G Meres, Subalitates: N Prilency, M Moana, O
Cardiss, O Clark,
Referber, R Smith (Castielord)

Salford storm through

Huddersfield Giants,14 Saiford Reds...

By PETER WILSON

SALFORD Red's modichanged team still have their sights set on going one step farther than a year ago when they reached the Silk Cut Challenge Cap semi-final.
They booked their quarter-

final place against Castleford Tigres by holding off the spirited challenge of Huddersit to both sides that they were able so beat the elements driving rain and a strong - to provide such an entertaining contest.

The long-anticipated battle of the scrum haives wasedged by Martin Crompton, who scored one try and was behind much of the damage to the Huddersfield cause.

Not that blame for the Giants' defeat could be heaped on the shoulders of Bobby Goulding his threequarter rival, who never gave an inch in a gruelling struggle.

A penalty by Goulding put Huddersfield in front but Salford were the first to exploit the conditions when Steve Blakeley hoisted a high kick that Paul Cook failed to gather and Crompton was able to pounce for the opening try after 17 minut

Huddersfield hit back in almost identical circumstances. This time it was Goulding who launched a high kick, Bobby Thompson who failed to gather and Danny Arnold who went over for the try. Goulding's conversion into the wind put the Giants in front, but their lead only lasted a couple of minutes before. Garen Casey crossed for the first of his two tries.

Facing a two-point deficit at the break, any optimism Hud-dersfield harboured was shattered five nimites into the second half, when a short kick from Crompton skidded across the wet surface and Casey timed his dive to

perfection and touthed down. Jim Lenihan sched to keep the Giants in the hunt, but their chances dsappeared three minutes before the end when Scott Martin possed unchallenged for the score that took the Reds out of reach.

SCORIERS: Hudderslate: Triesc Lanten, Anold, Goale; (Spiriting (3), Salford, Goale; Baseley (3, Triesc Care) (2), Martin, Crompton. 1-4. HUDDERSHELD GLANTE! If Amold, P Cook, J. Lanten, P. Loughie, A.Cheetmam, C. Weston, B. Goulding, N. Fizzind, O. Rus-set, B. Richards, O. Boughth, J. Berny, M. Saum Substituters: N. Wingt, P. Reily, B. Hodson, I. Pickayance, S.A.FORD REDS: G. Broachers, J. Hayes, B. Thompson, G. Castey, P. Cange, S. Blake-ley, M. Compton, N. Baynes, U. Abre, P. Southern, H. Smitt, D. Brownig, D. Harne, Substituters: S. Martin, P. Highton, G. Buggs, J. Farnalo Reference: S. Prestey (Castleford) J Famalo a: S Prestey (Castleford)

in draw for last eight

Bulls avoid Rhinos

RHINOS and Bradford Bulls, the two favourites, were kept apart in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup quarter-final draw last night (Christopher Irvine writes). The revitalised Warrington Wolves were presented with a difficult tie away to Bratlford on Sunday week and an early return to his former club for Peter Deakin, their

new chief executive. . The other televised match, the BBC the day before, is likely to be the other all-JJB Super League tie between Castleford Tigers, who eliminated York tast Friday, and Salford Reds. Widnes hung on against Leigh yesterday to win 20-17 and earned home advantage once more against

Whitehaven are the only other Northern Ford Premier-

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ship side left in the competition after they beat Oldham trip in rugby league, from Cumbria, to face London Broncos at the Stoop Memorial Ground. Martin Offiah, who missed most of last season, scored London's only try as they survived a scare away at Hull Kingstoo Rovers in a grim 6-0 victory, which put them into the last eight for only the second time.

Wakefield Trinity Wildcats...8 Bradford Bulls.....

BY MARTIN RICHARDS

STEVE McNAMARA, the Bradford Bulls captain, whose place is by no means guaranteed in the strongest line-up, played a pivotal role as they gained a bruising passage into the quarter-finals of the Challenege Cup yesterday. Expectations of a runaway win for Bradford were mud and a swirling wind helped close the gap in class.

Wakefield lived up to their new name. Wildcats, even after Bradford had opened up a 14-2 lead after 21 minutes. Henry Paul put Bradford ahead when he picked up a loose ball to score wide out before Stuart Fielden, an impressive young forward.

crossed unopposed after McNamara's sweetly-timed pass had sucked in the Wakefield cover. Wakefield, anxious to dis-

McNamara stands out

pel fears that they will be the whipping boys of Super League this season, dug deep and came up with a rousing try from their Australian conduction. stand-off. Shane Kenward, a minute into the second half after Michael Withers had knocked on straight from the Bradford were suddenly on

ther intervention by McNamara to settle matters. He threw only the faintest of dummies but the defence opened up invitingly and the loose forward charged through for a 58th-minute try which took all the sting out of Wakefield's revival. James Lowes, the hooker, added a fourth try with ten minutes remaining.

Matthew Elliott, the Bradford coach, said: "It was an ugly match in ugly conditions and we didn't adapt well enough to the wind and the wet. But all credit to Wakefield who showed great character. But we didn't do the

smart things very well today." Bradford's scrum half. Paul Deacon, retired at half-time with a leg injury after landing three kicks at goal and Paul also received an injury, which forced him to leave the field in the second half.

SCORERS: Waterfield Trinity: Try: Kon-watt. Goets: Hodgson (2) Bredford Buffs: Tries: H Paul, Fielden, McNamare, Lowes. Goets: Descon (3), McNamara (2), WAKEFFELD TRINITY WILDCATS: A Hodgson I. Stot. A Brunker. K Crouthers, N. Lew. S. Kerward, G. Tomiarson; F. Stephenson, R Southerswood, A Ficher, G. Price, W. Poching, T. Kemp. Substitutes. O. Masch, W. McDorald, F. Watere, G. Law. Educations Briti (5), M. Watere, T. Ho-Educations Briti (5), M. Watere, T. Ho-MRADFORD BULLS: M Westers, G LTV.

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Bromsgrove win in usual style

By JOHN GOODBODY

THERE is little disputing the recent dominance of Broms-grove at under-18 girls' hockey. Yesterday, in the rain and gusts of Milton Keynes, they took the British Aerospace national title for the third successive year with a performance of consummate maturity.

Last year they beat the other four regional winners in the finals by scoring 18 goals and conceding none with a team that included Lucilla Wright. the full England international. This season, they have Sally Walton and Jane Allen, who have both represented England schools, as well as three German age-group internationals who are studying at the Worcestershire school for a

The cumulative effect has been impressive. Last Wednesday they warmed up for this tournament by drawing 0-0 with Cambridge University, who were virtually at full strength. Already winners of the national under-18 indoor title this season, Bromsgrove had few evident weaknesses yesterday as they completed a unique double of national championships.

They successively beat Arnold School, Blackpool, Wycombe High School, and King's Canterbury, all by 3-0. In the last game of the round they won 40 against Millfield. who earlier had been beaten 1-0 by Wycombe but had looked the most likely challeng-

Eight of the Bromsgrove goals were scored by the longstriding Walton, who plays as an advanced striker and who also had near misses with some deft reverse-stick shots. "Another day they would have



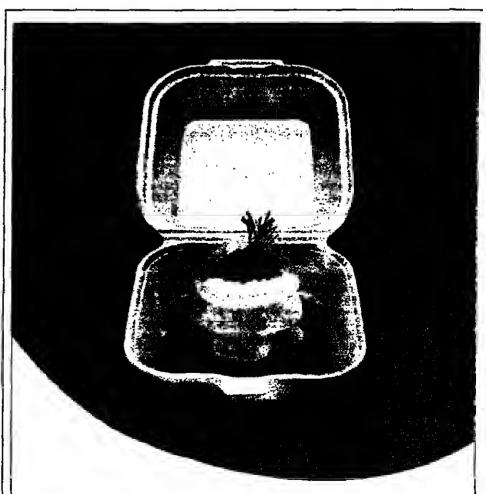
"It was a real team performance from us but having the three Germans made it all

The trio of Ulrike Patschkowski, Luisa Leisewitz and Laura Lembke gave an impetus to the team because of their physical presence and the difficulty opponents found in getting the ball away from them. They are part of a group of 28 Germans attending the independent school this year, although they do not receive any sports bursaries. Caroline Ralph.

Bromsgrove team manager. said: "We got better and better as the day went on. The success of the under-18s has been the result of the girls playing together in the younger age groups and the results coming to fruition at senior

level. "We are almost there with the under-los. "The programme is coming through so that we have a concrete package at all age levels. It is a long-term process."

RESULTS: Bromsgrove School, Worcestershire 3 Amold School, Blackpool 0, Malfield, Sanastest 2 Wycombe HS, Bucking lamsher 1: Amold 0 King's Carterbury 1: Wycombe 0 Bromsgrove 3: Kng's 0 Millield 1: Wycombe 0 Amold 0, Bromsgrove 3: Kng's 0; Amold 0 Millield 1; Kind's 0 Wycombe 1, Millield 0 Bromsgrove 4. Finel Millield 1: Frontogrove 120is; 2.



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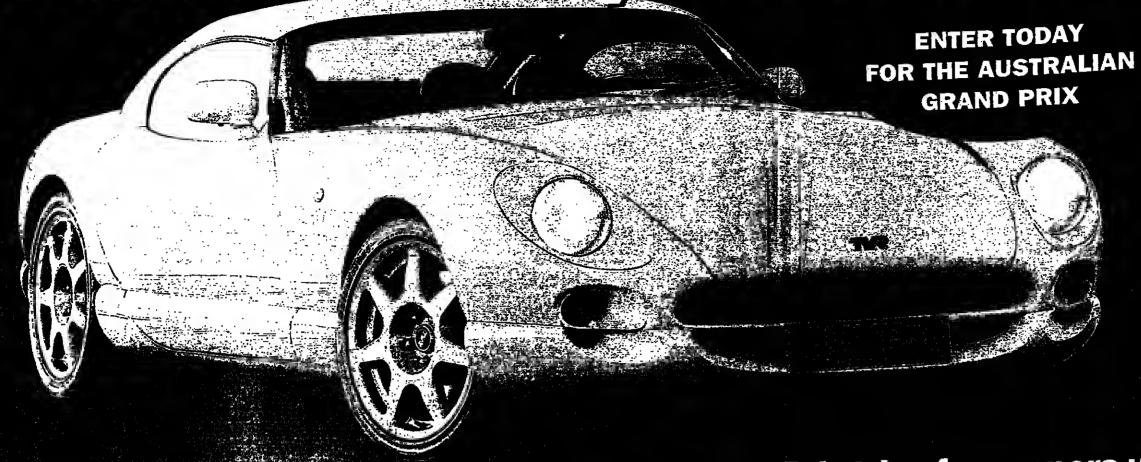
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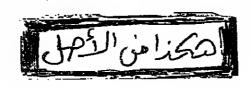
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Chris McGrath on a former champion smoothing over rough patches

Dunwoody shows fighting spirit

FIVE years ago. Racing Post Chase day at Kempton produced no fewer than eight Cheltenham Festival winners. While there might well have been one or two trials on Saturday that signposted the way to profit in the Cotswolds where the delirium commences a formight tomorrow --- perhaps the most significant test this year was passed on two legs rather than four.

Richard Dunwoody, who gave Dr Leunt an immaculate ride to win the Racing Post Chase, has rather given the im-

RICHARD EVANS

Nap. LAST OPTION (3.30 Newcastle)

This progressive hunter chaser beat Double Thriller last season and looks well treated for his handicap debut.

NB: Chevalier Errant. (200 Newcastle)-Thunderer found Go-Infor-mol (M-I) for the Armchair Is-vestor on Saturday and Is-cluded Good Heart [721] among five Flaydock winners.

pression in recent weeks that he is prey to some inhibition of body or soul.

Much the ugliest symptom had emerged at Ascot the previous Saturday, when a weighing-room scuffle with Mick Fitzgerald tarnished the gracious reputation of both men, merited equally in and out of the saddle.

They have evidently put their spat behind them and the temptation to dramatise the episode has been sensibly resisted by others, too. The stewards, for instance, turned a discreetly blind eye.

Between two such senior jockeys, it was a telling meas-ure of the stresses of their peril-

SATURDAY'S

RESULTS

Kempton Park

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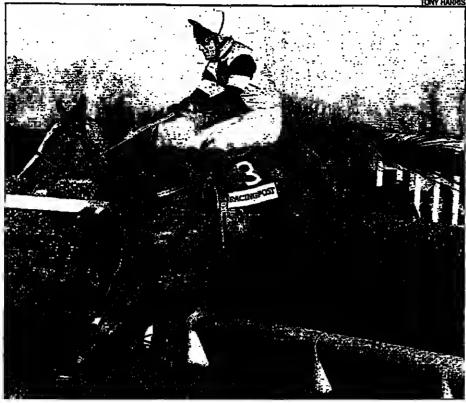
Lingfield Park

Going: firm igned to firm in places!

Musselburgh

Haydock Park

Going: soft (heavy in places)



Dr Leunt and Dunwoody take control in the Racing Post Chase at Kempton on Saturday

ous business. Sometimes, grievances forged in the heat of racecourse battle are most effectively doused by primitive means, to the superficial cost

of hissing and steam. Even so, the incident surely compromised Dunwoody's standing among his colleagues. Its larger context compounded concern about the former champion, whose talent is so justly treasured. An old arm injury was revived by a fall in January, and he has had one or two other nasty crash landings recently. He is heroically brave, make no mistake, with an utterly intransi-

gent attitude to pain. For whatever reason, however, he has

Timekeeper's top rating; 3.30 SNIPER,

2.00 ADVENT RACECOURSE CATERING MAIDEN HURDLE

2.00 Raivue

3.00 Durano

GOING: GOOD

(£2,463: 2m) (22 runners)

2.30 Fen Terrier

NEWCASTLE

3.30 SNIPER (nap) 4.00 Charlie Banker

4.35 Dan De Man

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

BETTING, 3-1 Clareden Errari, 7-2 Sillymore, 4-1 Sanue, 5-1 Patras, 7-1 Causs, 10-1 Kanoma, 20-1 Yerne Valler, Dampies, 25-1 others,

RAIVUE has been taking on shonger opposition and can get off the grait

BETTING: 3-1 Matte De Manager 5-1 Warner George 5-1 Constan John Brighten Strate, La Rivera, T.-1 Weish March 10-1 Fet Terrer, Rachael 1 Owen, 20-1 Ches

1999 CORSTON JOKER 8-10-11 R Supply (5-2) L Lungo 7 ran

Long handicapt Matta Man 9-11, Nejecty 9-11, Nachatel's Oven 9-11. La Rinea 9-9

endured a thin time with winners of late, ending a barren sequence of 28 rides at Doncaster on Thursday. Though he will resent any

such inference, this recent lack of conviction could be attributable to two growing preoccupa-

First there is Florida Pearl, of whom Ireland has such

crushing expectations in the Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup. This horse could provide ample incentive for Dunwoody. 35, to look forward to next season. On the other hand, disappointment might conceivably prompt him to wonder what lies beyond the other immi-

nent junction in his career. His second success on Satur-

LEADERS OVER THE JUMPS

TRAINERS **JOCKEYS** A P McCoy R Johnson M A Filzgerald N Williamson R Ourwoody

83rd of the season and leaves him just 17 short of Peter Scudamore's all-time record for career wins.

day, in the bumper, was his

Dunwoody has already revealed the business acumen to keep him profitably busy when he does choose to refire. For now, happily, he can legitimately claim to preserve both his princely talent and the hunger that sustains it. The broad smile that Dr Leunt restored to his face reflected his saosfacdon at riding the biggest winner so far trained by Philip Hobbs. Dunwoody asserted his prerogative to the inside rail and always had Dr Leunt jumping slickly in the van, while conserving enough to fight off The Land Agent in the closing stages. Dr Leunt now returns to Cheltenham, probably for the Cathcart Chase.

The same race is a possibility for Makounji after she cashed in on her preposterous allowances in the Mitsubishi Shogun Pendil Trophy, The Guinness Arkle Trophy is also under consideration by Nick Henderson, who shared two other Kempton winners with Fitzgerald to embellish their excellent season.

Henderson expects Katarino, favourite for the Elite Racing Club Triumph Hurdle, to be "a lot sharper" for his proficient rehearsal in the Voice Newspaper Adonis Juvenile Novices' Hurdle.

Not even Henderson's unerring touch, however, could elevate Fiddling The Facts from second place, for the third race running in the Greenalls Grand National Trial at Haydock. Young Kenny, the winner, was given a splendid ride by Brendan Powell - a man, notionally, even more in the evening of his career than Dunwoody. There is, quite obviously, plenty of life in the old

3.30 STARLEY CASINDS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,695: 3m) (8 runners)

Long bandicap: Gala Force 9-13, Heavenly Chizen 8-8 GETTING: 5-2 Toni's Tip. 11-4 Committed Schedule. 7-2 Gale Force, 7-1 List Option, Stuper 12-1 times. 1998: ALY DALEY 10-11-3 E Calleghan [10-1] J Howard Johnson 8 ran

Act The Wag 3V4 4th of 17 to Belment King is handcap cluca goods 3 at Ayr (4m 11, pool), previously best Royal Saon 11-4 in 10-namer handcap vision and the face at Sedgeletel (3m 4, good to limit). Last Option 12-3 of at 10-b Various in funder claca at Haytock (5m, soft), Don't Tip 1313 dot at 8 to Represented in incoding tricks; at Newbury (3m 21 110-4, 2m), Committed Schedute 77 2nd of 8 to Island Chief in handcap class at Newscattle (3m 6), heavy), Cash Funde best Salem Beach 61 in handcap class at Newscattle (3m 6), heavy), Cash Funde best Salem Beach 61 in handcap class at Newscattle (3m 6), heavy), Cash Funde best Salem Beach 61 in handcap class at Newscattle (3m 6), heavy). SHIPER found 3% miles too by here last time but has solid chains on earlier runs

4.00 LADBROKE HURDLE (SHOWCASE HANOICAP)

Long handicap. Yopothenorthiacing 9-13, Misty Class 9-12.

BETTING: 2-1 What A Tale, 7-2 The Butterwick Kid. 4-1 Springslight Scalin, 5-1 Charlie Barker, 6-1 Abadale, 10-1 Topolbenorthracing, 12-1 Misty Class.

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2.30 SV RUTTER HANDICAP CHASE (£3,695: 2m 4f) (11 runners) BETTRIG: 4-6 Dan De Man. 7-2 Desant Hills, 7-1 Harden Glen, 10-1 Lip For Ransome, 30-1 others. 1890: STAN'S YOUR MAN 6-11-2 6 Storry (6-4 lary Mrs J Goudetow 10 rae

Distant Hills bad Henry Hastier 71 in 15-runner novice chose at Sedgeland. (2m 54, good). Charming Moss pulled up in novice chose at Ayr (2m 54 11), soli), grenouch (60) and 0 is 0 singler in novice chose at Ayr (2m 54 11), soli). Dan 0e Man 34 3 or of 5 is Agreematis Gold in novice chose at Newcastle (2m 11) (4r), good in soli). Harden Gon 37 8th of 10 to Castledom Court in covice hardens chase at Castrolic (2m 11), soli), budicious Charle osetical addistance 11 for 10 to 10 id 10 giol growner harden at Comman (2m 11) (4m 10), good). Up For Pansonne 3 2md of 17 to Betle Buck in novice chase at Heating (2m 11), good). DAN DE MAN, disappointing last time, should still prove too strong for Distant Hills

5.05 DONCASTER BLOODSTOCK SALES/EBF MARIES STANDARD OPEN NH FLAT RACE (£1,564; 2m) (15 junners)

BETTING 9-4 Early Dassy, 5-1 Wynyard Damsel, 6-1 Froside Cirl, Shukkarde, 7-1 Lamorins Lody, 10 i others. 1996" NO CORRESPONDING RACE

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Direct Route bid in balance

DIRECT ROUTE, a leading contender for the Queen Mother Champion Chase at the Cheltenham Festival on March 17, is not certain to run. Howard Johnson's Tingle Creek winner broke a blood vessel when finishing fourth to Teeton Mill in the Mitsubishi Shogun Ascot Chase nine days ago.

"We haven't had a saddle on him since Ascot," Johnson said yesterday. "He's just out in the field. I don't know what to do about Cheltenham with him at the moment. He'll start cantering again this week and then I'll know a bit more. He lost a lot of weight at Ascot and we are only just getting it back on him. He's still in at Cheltenham and we'll try and get him there but it's not

Pritchard takes honours

POINT-TO-POINT BY CARL EVANS

JULIAN PRITCHARD took Saturday's riding honours when landing a treble at the North Herefordshire's Whitwick Manor meeting. Pritchard, 31, who lives

nearby at Ledbury and who has been naoonal champion rider for the past two seasons, leapt into second place in the table with nine winners, one behind the leader, Ben Pollock, who achieved a single success on Tombola at the

Essex Farmers meeting.

A competitive person, Pritchard rued the winners that got

away. "It should have been six," he said, reflecting on an additional two second places and a fall when on his way to victory in the maiden.

His three wins came on Cruise A Hoop (3-1), who brushed aside Better Future (4-6) in the 14-runner men's open. Capatown Bay (5-4) and Blue Rosette (5-4), who took divisions of the restricted race the first two were for trainer Nickie Sheppard and the third for the rider's mother. Gill.

Cruise A Hoop, whose fast and flat jumping is ideally suited to point-to-point fences, is a consistent horse and his defeat of Better Future was less of a shock than the eclipse of Apaiura King at the Hursley Ham-

bledon meeting. With Lord Relic absent after being pinched by a farrier's nail. Apatura King was sent off the odds-on favourite but faded into fifth as Buonaroto (7-1) railied to peg back The Bold Abbot. The winner was completing a double for Katie Buckett, the Hampshire trainer. who also saddled Forest Musk to land the hunt race.

PLUMPTON

2.20 Anns Girl 2.50 Polar Flight.3.20 Strong Tel. 3.50 Doctor Bravious. 4.25 Whippers Delight.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

2.20 HEADWAY HURSTWOOD PARK MAIDEN

HURDLE (£2,653: 2m 1f) (13 runners)

2-1 Ares Sci 5-2 Darnes, 7-2 Wide Gunner, 8-1 Mercha Mage: 10-1 General Assembly, 14-1 Goldengores, 16-1 Taxish, 33-1 others. 2.50 PARAFIX TAPES AND CONVERSIONS LTD

NOVICES HURDLE (£2,548: 2m 4f) (14)

3.20 HEADWAY HURSTWOOD PARK NOVICES CHASE (£2,819: 3m 1f 110yd) (4)

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3.50 LADBROKES LAST RACE HANDICAP HURDLE

(FINAL) (£5,714: 2m 1f) (7) 1 124F NESSUN DORIO 13 (CD.S) S Melku 7 (2-0 Mr N Fenily (7) 99 2 2345 TICALERTY'S GIFT 24 (B.F.G.S) G L Moore 9-17-10 1 124 NESSIN DORU 13 (2.3) S More 9-11-10
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4 0115 DOCTOR BRAVIOUS 11 (B.BF.CD.S.) JR Populon 6-10-5
Eopar Byrne (7)
5 1159 ZAFARELU 14 (B.CD.S.) J January 5-10-4
6 4622 STUDIO THRITY 14 (D.G.S.) R Dicker 7-10-1
7 5233 DERISBAY 28 (B.CD.F.G.S.) J Biotyer 11-10-0
J Goldstein (3) 90

3-1 Stadio Thirty 7-2 Tickshi/s Gill. 5-1 Doctor Blavious. 11-2 Nessuri Daro. 6-1 No. Wallace 7-1 Zata-ell. 10-1 Densitary

4.25 GAY KINDERSLEY AMATEUR RIDERS HANDI-CAP CHASE (£3,420: 3m 1f 110yd) (7)

1 P110 DANGETILLYOLDROP 7 (D.S) P Nicholis 8-11-10 J Young (7) 111

2-1 Garrison Friendly, 7-2 Krimmigton, 9-2 Calleva Star, 5-7 Dancotillyoudrup, While pers Delight, 16-) Sascotino, 33-1 Northern Vidage

4.55 CLAYTON MARES ONLY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,373: 2m 4f) (7)

5-2 My 1em, 7-2 Royal Ruler, 9-2 Selective Rose, 5-1 Popfin, 11-2 Denybelle, 8-1 Solden Lily, 33-1 Eli Gen.

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BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Newcastle: 3.00 Kemo Sabo Plumpton: 2.20 General Assembly, 4.55 Eli Geo.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER 1.40 Desert Invader, 2.10 Kosevo, 2.40 Irish Cream, 3.10 Anonym, 3.40 Westside Flyer, 4.10 Chaliapin. 4.45 Chaluz, 5.15 Dick Turpin.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

1.40 caucasus amateur riders handicap

3-1 The Woodcook, 7-2 Godge, 7-1 Leokic, Denbrae, 8-1 Dazzlary Stone, Ring The Chief, 10-1 Altrazion, 12-1 obbot.

2.10 CAUCASUS AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (Div II. £1,514: 7f) (10)

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2.40 ROCKY STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,341: 1m) (2)

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3.10 RICHARD HARDWICK 21ST BIRTHDAY HANDICAP (£3,767: 1m) (8)

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3.40 APENNINES SELLING HANDICAP

(Div I: £1,522; 6f) (11)

7-2 Abraal, 9-2 Little Burr, 5-1 Westnide Flyer, 6-1 Floor Island Dine, 7-1 Mile Owler, 8-1 Kalar, 12-1 Abrive Board, Storp Rhythm, 16-1 others;

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4.45 APENNINES SELLING HANDICAP.

(Div II: £1,514: 60) (11) 7-2 Chahir. 9-2 Shar's Quest, 5-1 Cove Opera, 6-1 lice Age, 7-1 Ramsey Hope, 8-1 Kolloy 10-1 Johnny Statistic 12-1 Others.

5.15 PYRENEES HANDICAP

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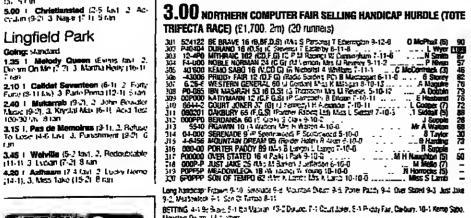
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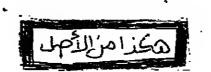
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To the mill. Another eventful

walk, now through fine rain and a

rising breeze. Snowdrops were out under an ageing oak. A heap of matted feathers told of disaster for something and triumph for something else: nature as red as ever in the sand healt. A formation of

nooth and beak. A formation of ducks flighted downwind, like an arrowhead homing. A line of young willows marked a short

reach of bank, their shoots so red

that they made each tree glow.

Close-up in the rain, every twig was threaded with half-moons of cut

mili-pools awesome. In one-direction there were swims that looked

made for barbel. In the other, sitting like a garden gnome under a green umbrella, an old hand was

leaning back in his chair, watching

reduce the flooding had ruined the

bottom and now there weren't

enough waterfleas to feed the little

fish. Fewer little fish meant fewer big fish, he explained — but if I put in the hours I would get the results,

he could promise me that.

I took a look at the big bends up-

stream - at the Log Swim, at Blue

Bridge Pool and at somewhere else

- then paused under an ancient

tree to look around. There was a

brush of wings and a great bird sud-

denly broke cover above my head and wafted noiselessly away. What

a treat: a barn owl so close that I

could have touched it with a rod-

end. I had a wonderful view of it,

saw its dished eyes clearly, saw

clearly the pale honey of its back before the bird showed its belly and

I watched the owl out of sight

then turned back to the car. I did

not hurry. By the time I was into it

and scrunching down the track, I

was as relaxed and mellow as any day has left me. It had been a full

day's fishing - almost - even without the rod. Piscator non solum pis-

catur. Just being near a river-can

☐ Brian Clarke's column appears on the first Monday of each month

instantly turned white.

e had fished this river

for 40 years. It was

good but not what it

used to be. Dredging to

When there's more to fishing than fish

Brian Clarke finds

that a watching

brief on new waters can pay dividends

he motio of a club that I belong to is Piscator non solum piscatur. It more or less translates as "there is more to fishing than fish". Roderick Haig-Brown, the great English writer who lived in America, went further. He suggested that fishing might just be an excuse to be near tivers

Anyone who has held a rod for a season or two will agree with the first. Last week, exploring a new piece of water that I will be fishing this year, I came close to believing the second. I had gone to get my bearings: to relate the plan on the map to the view from the bank; to dip myself into the sights and sounds; to droo! just a little. So I took no rod.

It was a splodging walk. The river had been over its banks for weeks and had just slid back. Pools were winking from the meadows like scattered coins. The grass was laid flat as though by a wind. The debris of the flood was all around trapped in trailing branches or left high and dry where the water had dropped it.

The first place I came to was a shallow bay. Bird tracks and animal tracks marked pathways around the margins. A sudden movement smudged my eye and I half-glimpsed fur. It crossed the ground between a couple of fallen branches and melted between them. It had been low and fluid, had been there and gone so quickly that I might have imagined it. A pity that I hadn't. A mink. Damn.

A little upstream, a willow had fallen over the water. It was massively tangled, so dense that it pushed the heavy water into the far bank. Beyond the tree's end, the river raced. Behind the tree in summer, there would be slow water. A crinkle on the surface would mark the divide. Fish would be able to lie in the slow water and dine on the food that the fast water dropped.

The crinkle would be an excellent place for chub, dace, roach, trout—you name it. Barbel might lie out in the current. There would be at least one pike in the calm behind the branch. It would lie there, cold as a mortuary slab, waiting for a victim, its fins turning and idling, its tailedge crinkling, ready to move forward like an aimed shadow, ready



One to bank on: catching a prized predator will bring smiles, but sometimes just being near to a river may be enough to satisfy an angler

to gather itself for its ravening

Further upstream, I startled a snipe. A heron laboured overhead, tilted a little, bent its wings over curves of air and glided down them into the near middle-distance. The pennants of last year's sedges streamed in a non-existent wind. Ice in a puddle crunched underfoot.

Ice in a puddle crunched underfoot. I had been told about the Bailey bridge. It crossed the top of one of the beats that is reserved for trout fishing. The water slid under the bridge and widened into a great sweep of pewter, rumpling and racing. In summer it would be shallow enough to wade. Sometimes, I had

'There would be at least one pike behind the branch, lying cold as a mortuary slab, waiting for a victim'

been told, great fish were taken from this stretch, mostly at last

I stood on the bridge and looked downstream. The world faded. I could feel the warmth of June and see the sun going low and the ripe-for-mating files gauzing the air. Broad backs would break the surface and rings ebb out. That will

be the wading line, if the bottom is good. The likely casting points would be there and there. I smiled. All nonsense, of course. When the river dropped, its character would change utterly and there would be no real telling where the fish would be. Still, I got two just by day-

turned downstream an

crossed to the carrier that has the hatches in the middle. A beer can turned in endless circles in a vortex behind one of the gates. An oink of Canada geese wafted overhead. Two fallow deer, wearing their white hearts on their rumps, appeared from behind a bush and bounded away.

The carrier is trout-only, as well. It looked as though it was going to be early-season water with only the upper part holding fish when the river had dropped. I hoped that summer would prove me wrong, which would suit me fine. The fishing was going be upstream fly only, which suited me ditto.

BOXING

Dunne's talents shown on Holiday

By Srikumar Sen boxing correspondent

COLIN DUNNE made new friends as he was finally given the exposure on television to prove his worth. The four million viewers who watched him on ITV on Saturday night cannot have failed to see what a crowd-pleaser the World Boxing Union lightweight champion is. Dunne took on Phillip Holiday, of South Africa, who many thought to be well above his class — and beat him out of

Holiday was only able to impose his much-vaunted technical superiority in short bursts and had to keep moving forward in the hope of wiping out the points deficit. As a result, the bout moved to an exciting conclusion with the crowd on its feet as Holiday tried to find a big punch and

Dunne refused to give way.

After receiving a cut just below his hairline in the fifth round. Holiday seemed to lose his earlier sharpness and concentration as blood poured steadily down his face. The ring doctor said that the flow of blood was not getting in his eyes and so it would not have been proper to stop the contest.

Dunne took full advantage.

The aim of Dunne's manager, Terry Toole, is to now get his boxer a contest that will make some money. John Hyland, the promoter, was hoping to make a match with Billy Schwer, the European champion. However, Mickey Duff, Schwer's manager, said that, as Schwer had a chance to challenge for the WBC title, Dunne

would have to wait.

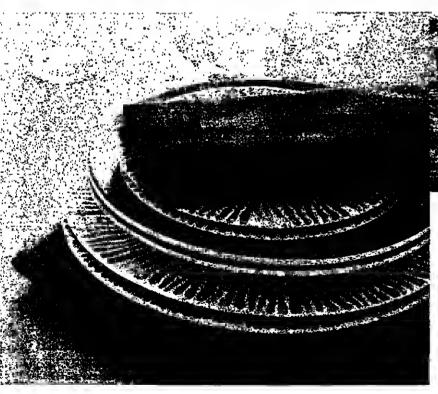
Referring to the gash Holiday sustained, and no doubt the fact that Schwer tends to cur easily. Duff parried Hyland's offer. "Dunne is dangerous with his head," he said; "With the world title fight in the offing for Schwer, it would be an unnecessary fight to take."

Oldham death, page 5

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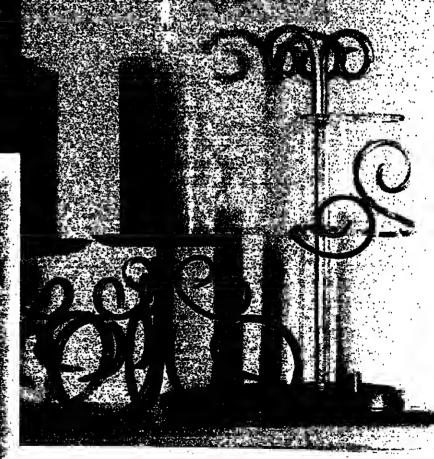
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BOWLS EGETER: EWIEA Indoor championships: Unbadged pairs: Sami-finals: C Anderson and L Ryan (Proce Arthur) bt A Redheed and S Chitton (York) 24-21: P Peachey and M Reove (Bentham) bt J Noyes and J Gazzon (Wealdon) 25-13 Final: Anderson and Ryan bt Peachey and Reove 22:20 Under-31 singles: Guarter-finals: K Hawes (Chamel) bt H Dabbs (Metion and Destrot) 21-16: D Taibot (Barnsley Methodome) bt I. Whitehead (Acle) 21-3. S Seymour (City of Bh) bt S Registon (Destromorph Morthants) 21-14. C Ashby (Eastbourne) bt H Stapickord (Metion and District) 21-20. Semi-finals: Taibot bt Hewes 21-13. Ashby bt Seymour 21-15

BOXING BETHNAL GREEN: WBU lightweight title: C Dunne (Holloway and Lverpool, holder) or PHolday (SA) prs. WBU light-ty-weight little: H Makepula (SA, holder) or L Trejo (Max) prs. OLDHAM SPORTS CENTRE: Common-

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Asian Test championship Sri Lanka v India COLOMBO (final day of five). Sn Lanka

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First Test match New Zealand v South Africa AUCKLAND (second day of five, New Zea-land won toss) South Airca have scored 562 for five wickers against New Zealand

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-76, 2-97, 3-280. 4-354, 5-495 4-30-, 3-485 BOWLING Doub 28-8-65-1: Afort 33-5-133-1. Nash 28-3-97-0; Verton 42-8-120-1: Harns 43-9-85-2. McMilan 3-0-19-0; Asile 9-1-30-0 NEW ZEALAND: M J Horne, M D Bell, R G Twose, C D McNitien, N J Aste, C Z Horns, † A C Pavore, *D J Nach, D L Veiton, S S Doull, G I Allott. One-day international New Zealand Under-19 v England Under-19

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ROAD RACING: Paraham wheelers (Meonstruck) Harnoshm, 50 miles, 1. J.Bayfeid (Herrocks) 2hr 26min, 2. G. Bayton (Amoree Vita), 3. M. Rogers (Amoree Vita) both Amoree Vita) and Tible TRIALS: North Road CC Hardriders (Broomers: Park. Harthodshire. 28 miles), 1. G. Bullier (Morwood Paragon) 195:25. 2. J. Parrisboliom (Harnods RT) 195:49; 3. R. Probble (Team Clean) 196:12 GOLF

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Silk Cut Challenge Cup Fifth round Huddersfield 14 Salford Hudderaffeld: Tries: Arnold, Lennan Gaets: Goulding 3 Salford: Tries: Casey 2 Compton, Martin Goets: Blakeley 3 Aft: 4,952

Hull KR 0 London Try: Offiah Goel: Smyth Alt: 3.300 Try: Offiath Goel: Smyth Att: 3.500
Leads: Tries: Newton, Sheridan Goals: Harris 8 8t Helens: Tries: Atcheson, Newton: Goels: Long 4 Att: 14,150
Walterleid 8 Bractford 26
Walterleid: Try: kerward Goels: Hodg-son 2 Bractford: Tries: Fielden, Lowes, McNamara, H Paul. Goels: Deacon 3, McNamara 2 Att: 7,385.
Marrieron 34 Haliflex 4

Warrington 34 Halifax 4
Warrington: Tries: Forster, Hurse, Kohe-Love, Penny, Roper, Goals: Briers 7 Hali-fax: Goals: Holroyd 2, Att: 5,102. Whitehaven: 18 Oldhem Whitehaven: Tries: Seeds 2, Lc Goals: Hetherington 2, Kitchin, Goel: Brown Alf: 1,438 20 Leigh

TODAY

FOOTBALL

THE TIMES FA YOUTH CUP: Fifth-round

Nick-off 7.30 unless stated **FA Carting Premiership**

Leicesier v Leads (8.0)...... Tennent's Scottish Cup Fourth round

Clydebank v Dundee Utd

Wildnes: Tries: Argent, Briers, Cantillan Cassidy Goals: Hawiti. Salisbury, Leight Tries: Bowker, Burrows, Murray, Goalet Kon-dnck 2 Dropped goal: Kendrick Att. 4,054 Northern Ford Premiership Rochdale 26 Doncaster 10 Rochdale: Tries: Hall Hudson, knowles Swann Goels: Fox 4, Fitogerald Doncas-ter: Tries: Moore Warson Goal: Creasser.

SWIMMING GELSENKIRCHEN: World Cup short-course swarts Winners: Merc Freestyler: Some A Ludenz (Gen 22 11: 100m. SASN-mm (Russ) 49 12 200mr P van den Hoogen-band (Hott) 1 44 96 British placing: 6. A Cavton 1 46 76 400mr. J Hollmann (Gen) 3 45 68 Berketroke: 50mr. Ruppruth 24 22 100mr. P Ruppruth (Gen) 53 43 British placing: 6. N Wiley 55 31. Breamstroke: 50mr. M Warnske (Gen) 27 59 100mr. F Doburghgrave (Bel) 1:00 14 Butterfly: 50mr. M Foeler (Gen) 28 22 400mr. O Stantee: Ulyr 52.19 200mr. Stantee. 155 59 Beddiey: 100mr. Genestyle: 50mr. S Robert (Gen) 25 65 100mr. Foels (Gen) 25 67 200mr. Kelter 158 46 British placing: 4 B Lumms 20 1 75 Women: Freestyle: 50mr. S Robert (Gen) 25 60 100mr. Freestyle: 50mr. S Robert (Gen) 25 60 100mr. Foels (Gen) 25 60 100mr. S Robert (Merchuster) 4. N Jockson 159 13. British placing: 4. N Jockson 159 13. British placing: 4. N Jockson 159 13 British placing: 5 van Amsack (Gen) 150 100mr. A Buschschulte (Gen) 100 02 200m: Buschschulte (Gen) 100 02

TENNIS

GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

BATTERSEA: Guardian Direct Cup: Singles: Semi-finate: G Rusedalu (GB) bt H Auar (Mor) 6-2, 6-3 R Rvaucek (Hofil bt T Johanson 19ker) 6-2, 6-4 Phant: Najicak bt Rusedalu 7-6, 6-7, 7-5 Doubles: Semi-finate: B Black (2m) and W Ferrera (SAI bt J Eagle and A Pioreni (Aus) 7-5, 7-6 1 Herman (GB) and Rusedalu bt Y Falchidov (Russi and D Vacch (C2) 6-4, 6-4 PARIS INDOOR OPEN: Semi-finals: A Mauresmo (Fit bt D van Roost (Bo) 6-0, 7-6, S Williams (US) bt N Dechy (Fit) 6-1, 6-4 Phant Williams bt Mauresmo 6-2, 3-6, 7-6 OKLAHOMA: Super Thrift Classic: Semi-finate: V Williams (US) bt L Osterioh (US) 6-2, 6-3, A Coetzer (SA) bt A Noumhord (Puss) 6-4, 6-2

ATHLETICS

Track and field

SINDELFINGEN, Garmany: MAF meeting: Winners: Mert 60m: 1 Montgomery
(US) 6.56sec. 800mc K Kernwettch (Kert)
Imm 48 11sec. 60m hundles: M Ferner
(Ger) 7.51 Women: 200m: 8 Rockmeter
(Ger) 23:28 60m hundles: G Aloze (Noge1917-94 800mc), Michaelma (Flues) 8 50m
NOGENT-SUR-OISE, Partis: Great Britath v France v Germany v Italy junior indoor international: Winners: Mee: 60m;
M Leus-Francia (GB) 8 68 400m; O Montlord (Fit 48 46 Long jump: L Dhone (Fit)
7 57m Shots SF Hahn (Ger) 16 29m Sion
walle: V Sma (M 21 23 16. Women: 80m; Finat: R Rouck, (Fit) 7 67 200m; S Withelmy
(GB) 24 00 400m; A Obersote, (M 55 19
High jump: G Natre (Fr) 1 84m. Pole wastit:
V Buschbaum (Ger) 4.25m Triple jump: M
Baanchn (M 12 71m Stom walke E Rigaudo
(III 13-53 28) Track and field

Ittl 13:53 28
CRYSTAL PALACE: Kent Indoor championships: Men: 60m: J Paul (Shaftesbury)
Burnett 6 9cc; Pole vaulit K Gray (Achtord)
-m (championship record) Long Jungs: A
-tall (Cambridge Hamers) 6:68m. Women:
60m: K Poter (Blackheath) 8:0cc; Pole
vaulit M Newton (Ashbord) 3m. Long Jungs: A
-tall (Cambridge) 5:16m.
CRYSTAL PALACE: Surrey Indoor champlonships: More; 60m: J Wood (Herre Hill)
59:sc; 60m hurdles: A David (Woodord
Groent 85 Pole vaulit R Hull (Herre Hill)
3m Women: 80m: S (Washin) 8:9
-Pole vaulit K Winck (Croydon) 2:70m Long
jump: N Brant (Epsom and Ewell) 5:44m

Crosss; courarhy

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Cross country Cross country

NAIROB: IAAF World Cross Challenge:
Men (125m) 1, P. Koech (Kerl 38m)
35ec, 2, P. Tergat (Kerl 36,43, 3, 8 Barmaza (Kerl 38 47, 4, 1 Nyania (Kerl) 36,48, 5,
R. Evans (Kerl 36,49, 6, P. Nuti (Kerl) 37,00
Leteling standings: 1, Koech 86pts; 2,
Nyanka 1, 3, M. Mourhit (Bel) 57, 4, Tergat
47, 5, J. Nptoo (Kerl 38,6, H. Mekonan (Eth)
35 Britists placings; 14, J. Brown (Sherled)
19 Women (Birn) 1, A. Kiprop (Kerl) 27mn
48sec, 2, J. Ornoro (Kerl 28,17, 3, J. Npotho
(Kerl 28,25, 4, N. Mugo (Kerl) 29,75, 5, R.
Chepkopeth (Kerl) 28,43, 8, J. Biomat (Kerl
28,54, Loading standings: 1, G. Warm
(Eth) 94pts; 2, A. Sandelf (Frin 69, 3, J. Mapangs (Kerl) 67, 4, 2 Cusazz (Mor) 50, 5, N.
Rocha (Mer) 48, 6, L. Malot (Kerl) 44, Britists; 9, P. Radchifo (Bodford) 33
BARKGOPE: Northern Ireland champion-BANGOR: Northern Ireland champion-ships: Veteran (3 mks); 1, R Curan (Bally-mena Runners) 17min 35sec 2, W Minchell Manager 31 20, 21 (Control of the Control of the Cont

| Albertwiel 17:39, 3, N. Cardon (Aubertwiel) 17:48 Teams: 1. North Bellast 20;55, 2, Al-bertwiel-44, 3. Williowfield 46, Junior mon (6 miles) 1, A. McCullough (North Beltast) 35:33, 2, N. Lyle (Royal Uster Consciousny) 35:57, 3, J. Dovey (Willowfield) 36:11 Teams: 1. North Beltast 75: 2, Willowfield

102: 3, Lagan Valley I14 Junior women 125 mies; 1, J Shannon (Lagan Valley) 17:17: 2, C McDonald (Lagan Valley) 18:03: 3, 3-J Ginney (Alberthie) 18:18 Team: Lagan Valley 12 Under-13 boys I1 miel, 1, A Dendson (Alberthie) 8:04: 2, P Lynas (Craignavon) 8:20: 3, 0: D Doheny St Columb's School 6:24 Teamer 1, Lagan Valley 50, 2, Colerane Institute 80: 3, Sparta 81 Under-13 girls (1 miel) 1, C Robb (Craignavon) 6:36; 2, L Freet (Lagan Valley) 6:45: 3, C Guney (Lagan Valley) 6:45: 3, C Sparta 40: 20: 24 Alberthie 36: 3, Sparta 42. COUR.SDOKE Men's Surrey Cross Course Co

3. Sparta 42.
COULSDOR. Men's Survey Cross Country League (5 miest) First division: 1, S. Haughan Hourslow; 27mn 27sec; 2, M. Smpson (Hourslow) 27mn 27sec; 2, M. Smpson (Hourslow) 28:09, 3, D. Taylor (Heme Hall) 28:24 4. W. Odorough (Thames Hare and Hounds; 29:15, J. van Wys. Heroules: Wintbedon; 29:03, 6, D. Naylor (Thames Hare and Hounds; 29:14 Teams; 1, Thames Hare and Hounds; 124 Teams; 271, Veterant H. Jones; (Ranelagh) 30:31 Over-St. C. Deburson (Belgrave) 32:45 Final standings; 1, Thames Hare and Hounds; 1, 164; 3, Belgrave; 1, 255, Individual champlon; S. Major (South London Hames; 25

Grant Loss. Incontenses champions: 5 Major (South London Harmers) 25
LLOYD PARK, Croydons: Women's Surrey Langue (6 Skm) First divisions: 1, A Wood (South London Harmers) 20 nm 5-lace, 2, M Clark (Tharmes Hare and Hounds) 21 26, Teanses: 1, South London Harmers 510s; 2, Herne Hai 53, 3, Tharmes Herne Hail 21 32 Final standings: 1, South London Harmer 510s; 2, Herne Hail 55, 3, Tharmes Herne and Hounds 30 Second divisions: 1, Evipon (Herne Windlands) 21 38 December 1, Evipon (Hernes Windlands) 21, 37, 3, C May (Guidford and Godsimm) 22 03. Teanses: 1, Belgrave 57, 2 Stragglers 93, 3, Dutwich Park Runners 15 Veterans: M Statham (Holland Sports) 2245 Final standings: 1, Belgrave 67, 2 Stragglers 93, 3, Dutwich Park Runners 15 Veterans: M Statham (Holland Sports) 2245 Final standings: 1, Belgrave 66; 2 Stragglers 61, 3, Dutwich Park Runners 59 Promoted to first division: Belgrave and Stragglers.

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CRAWLEY: Sussest Lengue: Men (5 miles) 1, P Davoron (Brahmon and Hove 26 miles) 2, F Stacey (Brighton and Hove 26 50 3, T Sargant (Hustram Hames) 26 58 Tournes; 1, Brighton and Hove 50 mts. 2, Crawley 84, 3, Kaicham Hamers 165 Verberan: P Wiscomb (Brighton and Hove) 28 09 Final attendings: 1, Brighton (Houston Blue Star) 3, 2, Stacony 9, 3, A Medical Medical (Brighton Lowes) 15 Wesman (3 miles) 1, W Holdon (Lowes) 26, 12 2, F Adams (Horston Houston) 2 miles Star) 27 11, 3, J Handwick (Hossford Blue S Prom Blue Stary 2711, 3, J Holdwick, (Hast-naps Runthss), 27.29 Toems; 1, Arena 80 35, 2, Brighton and Hove 42; 3, Halisham Hamers 67; Final standings; 1, Arena 80 118, 2, Brighton and Hove 218, 3, Haistram Hamers 298 5 Individuals; 1, Holden 4, 2, Adams 9, 3, T Owen (Arena 80), 12

BASKETBALL

Todal Fall OF WICKETS: 1-31, 2-91, 3-81, 4-155, 5-194, 6-208, 7-260, 8-261, 9-261 BOM,ING Thomas 22-4-48-2; Franks 15-4-35-0 Swenzn 26-5-6-7-5; Coefeer 26-8-63-2; Firstoff 9-1-21-0, Maddy 6-3-11-0

G Kirsten c Astie b Allott H H Gibbs b Vetion J H Kallis tow b Douli

Total (5 wids).

Tour match

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D.J. Cultinan not out
"W.J. Crome c. Allott b Harris
J.N. Rhodes c. Twose b Harris
S.M. Pollock not out.
Extras (b. 4, ib. 9, nb. 2)

L Klusener, † MV Boucher, A A Donald and PR Adams to bet

Umpres: A S Dunne and D J Harper

Gauteng v England A

WANDERERS (final day of tour) England A beat Gauteng by ten wickers

Second Innings

GAUTENG: First Innings

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A J Seymore b Thomas
D N Crookes b Thomas
D N Crookes b Thomas
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EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHEP: Semi-fi-nal group C: Israel 79 (Kalash 25, Scheller 14 Goodes 12) England 78 (Buolmai 27, Harsel 14, Hastom B: Huggins B; Urvaine 79 Belarus 67, Denmark 63 Span 80 Spari Israel Ukraine England Belatus Denmark

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Denzer 95 Milroukce 95, Utah 80 Daftas 65,
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Pricerns 90, LA Lakers 99 LA Chippers 83
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Donna Kennedy, of Scotland, and Teresa Andrews, of England, contest a lineout in the women's rugby union international at Richmond. England won 34-7. Report, page 34

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MEN: First division: LMBC bpd list and 3rd Tranty, Emmanuel bpd Churchill, Robinson bpd Magdalene, Clare bpd Pombroke, Selwyn bpd Queens, St Cabroke, Selwyn bpd Queers', St Ca-harne's bpd Peterhouse Final poal-tionse I, Caus; 2, LMBC, 3, 1st and 3rd Trinky, 4, Jesus, 5, Christ's, 6, Downing, 7, Emmanuel, 8, Churchil, 9, Trinky Hall, 10, 13, Clare, 14, Peribroke, 15, Selwyn, 16, Queers', 17, St Catharine's Second divi-sion: St Catharine's bpd Girton, King's bpd LMBC II, Caus III bpd Schey Suebe LMBC III bpd Corpus Christ; Churchill' II bpd Queens' II, CCAT bpd Pembroke II; Final positiones II, Peterhouse, 2, Griton, 3, king's, 4, LMBC II, 5, Caus II, 6, Schey, LMBC III bod Corpus Ohrst; Churchill II bod Cucens' II, CCAT bod Pembrote II: Final positions: 1. Peterhouse; 2. Garton, 3. kmg; 4. LMBC II, 5. Cous IR. 6. Schley Susses; 7. tet and 3rd Trinty 2. 8. Downing II. 9. Christ a III, 10. Trinty Hall II: 11. LMBC III, 12. Corpus Christi I.3. Josus III, 14. Churchill II. 15. Outons III. 16. CCAT, 17. Pembroke II. Third divisions: Emmanuel II bod St Cuthanno's III, Wolfson bod Cure II. Schwin III bod Fizzwillum III. Roberton III bod St Cuthanno's III. Wolfson bod Cure III. Schwin III Dannen bod Downing III bod Garton III. Dannen bod Downing III bod Garton III. Dannen bod Downing III. Bod Schwin III. S. Peterhouse II. 4. Lyddian II. J. Corpus Christi II. 5. Peterhouse II. 9. Magdalaine II. 17. Jesus III. 3. Durvan 14. Downing III. 15. Christi II. 17. Homerion Fourth division: High Care Hall. 17. Homerion Fourth division: High Care Hall 13. and 3rd Trinty III. 17. Homerion Fourth division: High Care Hall 13. and 3rd Trinty III. 19. Decembro III. 15. Chianne's III bod Care III. CAT II bed Care III. CAT II bed Care III. CAT II bed St. Cathanne's III bod Care III. CAT II bed Trinty Hall III. Cases IV bod St.

CAMBRIDGE LENT RACES

Edmund's, LMBC V bpd Robinson III. Final positions: 1, Queens' III. 2, King's II
3, Sidney Susses III. 4, LMBC IV. 5, Care
Hall, 6, Caus III. 7, 1st and 3rd Trinly IV.8,
Christ's III. 9, St Cathame's III. 10, Care
III. 11, CAT II. 12, Trinly Hall III. 13,
Churchil III. 14, Caus IV. 15, St Edmund's.
16 LMBC V. 17, Robinson III. 18 Jeaus IV.
Women: First divisions Caus bpd St Cathame's. Downing bpd New Hall, Fizzalkam bpd Care First positions: 1, Trinly
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5, Queens, 6, Nowham 7, Christ's, 8
LMBC, 9, Churchil, 10, 1st and 3rd Trinly
11, Caus. 12, St Cathame's, 13, Downing, 14, New Hall, 15, FizzalIII. 12, St Cathame's, 13, Downing, 14, New Hall, 15, FizzalIII. 12, St Cathame's, 13, Downing, 14, New Hall, 15, FizzalIII. 12, St Cathame's, 13, Downing, 14, New Hall, 15, FizzalIII. 12, St Cathame's, 13, Downing, 15, New Hall, 15, FizzalIII. 19, St Cathame's, 13, Downing, 16, New Hall, 15, FizzalIII. 19, St Cathame's, 15, FizzalIII. 11, Newhall 11, 15, FizzalIII. 11, Newhall 11, 15, FizzalIII. 11, Newhall 11, III.
MEN'S EHA CUP: Shith round: Carnock I Leves 3, Otal Loughtoman: 3 Teddrigton 2: Reading 5 Cartestury 2, Southgate 8 Hourston 3
MESH'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier divisions Bournelle 3 Southgate 5 Cartestury 1 Hourston 3, Guildrid 5 East Grinstead 3, Did Loughtomans 4 Brooksinds 2, Reading 0 Carnock 2, Teddington 3 Bresson 1.

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SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier division: Anchonars 1 Old Whophare 2: Beckenham0 Wenbledon 0; Bournerouth 2 Old Centerphare 4: City of Portsmouth 5 Beckinseth 3: Foreham 5 Chichard 4, Gore Court I Westing 4: Henre Bay 2: Widengham 3; Machined 3: Purley 4, Richmond 0 Hain Wycombe 0; Windester 2: Turthordyr Wels, 0 Hampshired 1: Surrey: Andover 1 Old Georgans 2: Beangland 0: Exports 5: Peel 3 Barnes 1: Goen 0 London Wayteres 5: Healemere 1 Oestin 4: Lindon University 1: Old Mid-Whightans 0, Oded 7 Portsmouth 2: Ingons 5 Camberley 1 Rent/Season Ashibat 2: Lloyds Barn 0, BBHC 2: Eastbourne 0, Beaby Invista 4 Worthorg 3; Brighton 1 South Saoris 0 Follistons 3 Lises Hill 0 Horsham 0 Old Holdombears 0, Mardon Russats 4 Mid Sasons 0 Follistons 3 Lises Hill 0 Horsham 0 Gle Holdombears 0, Mardon Russats 4 Mid Sasons 0 Follistons 3 Lises Hill 0 Horsham 0 Gle Holdombears 3 Od Wilsemsonans 3; Pochester and Gillingham 4 Burn Acto Middley Berker Bludes and Owers Alangdon 0 Schning 2: City 0 O'dutor 2 Stanes 4; Gerands Cross 1 Richarle Park 2: Hayes 0 Ashlott 3. Hendon 1 Surcausy 1 Harrison 10 Mechany 4 West Humpstead 5 Farmam Common 1: Horst Helmon Countries 1 Harrison 10 Horsham 4 Swatsh 3 North 4 West Chestham Hell 0 Onton 0 Glabo 19 Preson 0 Horsham 1 Horst Harrison 6 Bondon 1 Sabe 2 Ohester 2, Sandbach 1 Cohun Bay 2 DTZ DEBERHAM THORPE MOLLANDS LEAGUE: Premier diplatens Ediplatins 5 North 1 Harrison-Perne 4 Horsham 5 North 1 Harrison-Perne 4 Horsha

HOCKEY 2. Otton and West Warwick 8 Nottingham 1: Strewshusy 2 Coverty and N Warwick 2 WEST OF ENGLAND AND SOUTH WALES LEAGUE Premier division: Chalterham 0 Swarces 3. Robrisons 4 West Wits 1, Whitcharch 5 Glouzistes Cay 8; Yeo-vi and Shetourine 6 Weston-super-Name 5 PREMIER HOLLDAY SEAST LEAGUE: Premier division A. 8 Sontland 4 Cambridge C 7, Cochestes 1 Busheams 4, Costyn 5 Castion 3, Palerborough In 4 W Herts 3. WOMEN'S EMPORAM REDOOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP. Division A (in Gisecon) Group A Resistence 6 Seution 1, Cambrid 4 CP Moccow 5 Final group standings: 1, Resistence 6 Seution 1, Cambrid 4 CP Moccow 5 Final group standings: 1, Resistence 6 Seution 1, Cambrid 4 CP Moccow 5 Final group standings: 1, Resistence 6 Seution 1, Cambrid 4 CP Moccow 5 Final group standings: 1, Sough 6xxs. 2 Sovected 3, Room 9 Resistence 7 Seution 3 Glough 4 Seates 2 Final: Russelsheime 7 Seution 1 Resistence of Sough 4 Seates 2 Final: Russelsheimer 7 Seutin 1 Thirti-phase play-off; Resistence 6 Seution 3 Glough 4 Seates 2 Final: Russelsheimer 7 Seutin 1 Thirti-phase play-off; Resistence 6 Seutin 1 Seutin 1 Thirtiphase play-off; Gisegow Western 3 Moccow 2, Lokomotha Risco 2 Cambrid 4 Rittin-phase play-off; Gisegow Western 3 Moccow 2, Lokomotha Risco 2 Cambrid 4 Rittin-phase play-off; Gisegow Western 3 Moccow 2, Lokomotha Risco 2 Cambrid 7 Fifth-phase play-off; Gisegow Western 3 Moccow 2, Cambrid 10 Domoster 3 Fyffes Lecester 1 Suton 0, Olson 2 Hightown 2, PW D L F A Pea Ipowich 12 9 1 2 31 14 38 Sizugh 11 8 1 2 42 20 25 CAmbrid 1 6 2 3 29 18 20 Highliown 12 4 7 1 23 18 19 Cotton 12 3 0 9 16 30 9 Cotton 12 3 7 21 31 11 Suton 12 3 0 9 16 30 9 Cotton 12 3 7 7 21 31 11 Suton 12 3 0 9 16 30 9 Cotton 12 3 7 7 21 31 10 Cotton 12 3

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ARNOTT INSURANCE NORTH LEAGUE:
Prist division: Sedington Terners v Easington, Newcastle Blue Star v Morpeth Town. TOMORROW FOOTBALL UEFA CUP: Quarter-finals, first log: Alático Madnd v AS Roma (8 30), Bologna v Lyons (4 30); Bordeaux v Parma (8 30), Morselles v Ceta Vigo (8 1) FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Tobenham

v Southampton (7 45) NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First div NATIONNTDELEASUR: First division: Bi-mingham v Norwich (7,45); Bury v Wolver-hampton (7,45); Grews v Bristol Cty (7,45), Hurdiersfield v Botton (7,45), lpswich v Wat-lord (7,45), Port Vale v Grimeby (7,45), She-leid Utd v Crystal Palace (7,45); Sunderland v Portamouth (7,45); West Bromwich v Stock-port (7,45), Second division: Bournemouth v Fulham (7,45); Bristol Rovers v Wycomba (7,45), Cresterield v Mitheel (7,45); Naccies-feld v Stoke (7,45), Northampton v Wheaham (7,45), Leyton Orient v Torquay (7,45), Exite (7,45), Leyton Orient v Torquay (7,45). AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD: North-em section, semi-finat: Rochdale v Wigen (7,45).

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Third divisions County v East String (3.0) OTHER SPORT

ICE HOCKEY: Selsonda Superleague London Knights v Manchester Storm (7 0) WEDNESDAY

FOOTBALL. EUROPEAN CUP: Querter-finale, first log: Bayern Munich'v Kaisersbuttern (7 45); Juventus v Olympiakos (7 45), Menchester Juventus v Olympiakos (7 45), Menoricesa Uld v Internacionale (7 45), Real Madrid v Dynamo Kiev (7 45) Dynamo Kiev (7 45)
FA CARLING PREMIRERSHIP: Shelfield Wednesday v Windledon (7 45).
MATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Bansley v Bradford (7,45); OPR v Oxford Utd (7,45); Swindon v Trannere (7 45) SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Third division: Dumbanton v Cowdenbeath (7 30)

OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL; Budweiser League: Der-by Storm v Lecesler Riders (8 0) ICE HOCKEY: Seltonda Superleague: Ayr Scottish Eagles v Newcastle Riverkings (7.30)

THURSDAY FOOTBALL EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Quester-finals, first leg: Chelsea v Valerenga (7.45), Lokomotiv Mescow v Maceabi Haka (5.0), Panorios v Lazio (7.45); Variska v Real Malforca (7.30)

OTHER SPORT ICE HOCKEY: Sekonda Superfeague: London Kriights v Cardiff Devils (7.0), New-castle Rverlangs v Brednell Bees (7.15); Manchester Storm v Shelfield Steelers (7.0)

FRIDAY FOOTBALL NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: Third divise Cardill v Chester (7 30)

RUGBY UNION Wales: Indexed v England, Scotland v Raly at Galaches, 7 D, UNDER-CI INTERNATIONAL MATCH-25: France v Wales; Indexed v England; Scotland v Raly (of Glespow, 8 30) CLUB MATCH: Worcester v Covertry (7.30)

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FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Coventry v
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SUNDAY FOOTBALL

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First division: Curne v Jed-Forest (3 0).
String County v Hawick (3 0) RUGBY LEAGUE

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Huddersfeld (3.30), Salford v Si Helens
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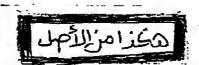
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Be it with flowers or hampers, pamper her

amily life has changed dra-matically over the past cen-tury and will continue to do so into the next, but on the eve of the millennium the dream of the perfect mother cononues to hover on the edges of our lives. Because the role of motherhood is such an emotive one it is easy to place it on a pedestal and find fault with mothers who are

thought not to measure up.

Hardly a week goes by without mothers who are single, mothers who work, mothers who are too old and those who are too young com-ing in for some form of criticism. Even the celebration of Mother's

Day, or Mothering Sunday, held on the fourth Sunday in Lent since the Middle Ages (this year it falls on March 14), was originally an on-erous one. It was the day on which the congregations of daughter churches honoured the mother church by visiting it in processions, carrying banners. After the Reformaoon this solemn celebration was transferred to honour the mother of the family.

There are no banners now, but whether you celebrate Mother's Day by serving her breakfast in bed, with freshly baked croissants (frozen beforehand, then slightly heated), a new honey or jam pot as a keepsake and a spray of flowers. or whether you organise a surprise

Susan MacDonald offers advice on what to buy for Mothering Sunday

and presents — such as hampers — available on the Internet.

If you live in or near East Lon-

don, the Sunday morning Columbia Road flower market is not only a lovely place to stroll around, but it

also provides a wonderful array of

plants and cut flowers at market

prices, and the street is lined with

shops selling ceramic pots, garden and house ornaments and antique

Stylish transparent Perspex bowls and dishes can be filled with chocolates, nuts or fruit for the occa-

sion and it is easy to find brands of

bathroom toiletries that come in bot-

tles so elegant that they just cannot

be thrown away. There is also some

beautiful costume jewellery around
— this may be something she
thinks about buying but never gets

round to doing.

And if you find you are stuck

with buying flowers at the petrol station on Sunday morning, pur-chase a couple of bunches in the

same colour range and make them into one large bunch. The idea of

the gift, whether large or small, is

mother can weigh heavy. After all,

The responsibility of being a

to pamper and bring pleasure.

trip to Venice for the weekend - a dream city for a much-loved mum - it is the honouring of her individual worth that counts.

Magazine articles abound with ideas on what to give. If she really has a sense of humour, there is a Swatch watch with the words "Dear mum. it's time to say thank

you" there on the face.

Lovely though presents are,

Mother's Day is not just about giving treats. It is also the day for leting treats. It is also the day for fei-ting her know how much she is val-ued and appreciated. Giving a com-plete fashion or facial makeover would be great, giving a new frying pan would not — unless it is one she would really love to have.

It is important to think seriously about what to buy, and to think ahead. Trying to order flowers the afternoon before Mother's Day can be.a nightmare. Phone lines are often jammed and flowershops sold

Flowers Direct offers flowers not always available in this country, particularly at this time of the year. and Blooms By Post specialises in

Ordering is made easier by the number of Mother's Day flowers it is not a nine-to-five job. There is no retirement age and the nagging feeling that it could be done better never goes away.

Nor does the sense of responsibili-Nor does the sense of responsibility, although the role alters dramatically as toddlers progress to adults. However much heart-strings are tugged, mothers need to adapt.

The rules of motherhood aim impossibly high. Mothers should be there for their children while allow-

ing them to live their own lives, extend a love so great that they do not feel deprived but not so encompass-ing that they feel smothered.

interfere but always be aware of what is going on, so as to offer the right advice when needed. up nor put down. Mothers should dress neither frumpishly nor gar-ishly and not draw attention to themselves when picking children up from school.

A mother can relax and be her self once her children grow up, but she should never slack off in her role. The need for love, comfort and a shoulder to lean on continues. and becomes even more complicated when children become parents and mothers become grandmothers - another role and yet an-



Mother's Day is not just about giving gifts, but letting her know how much she is appreciated

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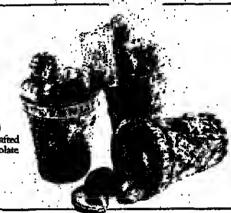
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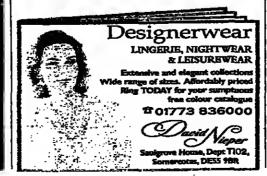
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Damages for breach of fiduciary duty

Nationwide Building Society v Various Solicitors (No 3) Before Mr Justice Blackburne Judgment February 21

The correct approach to equitable compensation for breach of fiduciary duty, except where the fiduci-ary had acted dishonestly or in bad faith, was to assess what actual loss had resulted from the breach, having regard to the scope of the

The court could have regard to any inference which, on the evidence, could properly be drawn as to what would have happened if the fiduciary had performed his duty. Failing any such evidence. the beneficiary was entitled to be placed in the position he was in beore the breach occurred. That assumed that the beneficiary could show that but for the breach of duly, he would not have used in

way which had caused his loss Where, in order to establish a breach of fiduciary duty it was necessary to find that the fiduciary was consciously disloyal to the beneficiary, the fiduciary was disabled from asserting that the beneficiary contributed to the loss which he suffered flowing from the breach.

Mr Justice Blackburne so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division when considering 12 claims of the plaintiff, Na-tionwide Building Society, against 12 firms of solicitors retained by it. inter alia, to investigate and report on title, for breach of common law dudes, and, in some cases, breach

The plaintiff made mortgage advances to 12 borrowers each of which was secured by a first charge over the borrower's proper-ty. The borrowers defaulted and on sale of the properties the price realised fell far short of the sum re-

quired to discharge the loan. In each case, the solicitor re-tained by the plaintiff to investigate and report on title also acted for the borrower in question. The cases exhibited unusual features such as the existence of a sub-sale or an agreement by the vendor to discharge the borrower's expenses of the transaction by varying the

purchase price. The plaintiff sued the solicitors claiming that in breach of duty they had failed to disclose those features which if disclosed, would have led the plaintiff to withdraw its offer of advance

The duties alleged included express duties under the terms of the retainers, implied duties inclu aduty to inform the plaintiff of any matters of which the solicitor was aware which a reasonably compe-tent conveyancing solicitor would conclude might be relevant to the valuation of the property or some other aspect of the plaintiff's deci-sion whether to lend and if so how much, and breach of fiduciary du-des including the fiduciary's duty not to place himself in a position where his duties to his two principals conflicted.

The cases raised, inter alia, the question of the correct test for as-sessing equitable compensation where breach of fiduciary duty was established.

Mr Nicholas Patten, QC. Mr Timothy Higginson, Mr Ian Gan, Mr Tom Leech and Mr Michael yor for Nationwide: Mr Nicho las Davidson, QC, Mr Jonathan 5impkiss, Mr Francis Bacon, Mr William Flenley, Mr Tony Oakley and Mr Spike Charlwood for the

MR JUSTICE BLACKBURNE said that one of the issues which had arisen was whether, where breach of fiduciary was alleged, the "what if" approach to assessing damages at common law was in point that is, whether, assuming causation in the sense of a causa connection between breach and loss had been shown, it was relevant to establish what course of ac-tion the plaintiff would have followed if the solicitor had carried out his duty.

His Lordship extensively reviewed the authorities, including London Loan and Savings Compa-ny v Brickenden (10341 J DLR 465) and Targer Holdings Ltd v Red-ferns (a Firm) (1996) AC 4211.

The latter case encouraged his Lordship to think that where, as in ant cases, what was at issue was the consequence of a misrepre sentation or non-disclosure made by the fiduciary which had caused the beneficiary to authorise the ap-plication of his moneys in a particu-

lar way, the only sensible approach to the question of compendon for the consequences of the misrepresentation or non-disclo sure was to consider what would have happened if there had been no misrepresentation or the appropriate disclosure had been made

Where the fiduciary had in duced the giving of authority by a statement which he knew to be untrue, it might be that the policy so clearly articulated in the speech of Lord Steyn in Smith New Court Se-curities Ltd v Scrimgeour Vickers (Asset Management) Ltd. [1997] AC 254) which applied in the case of common law deceit resulting in compensation assessed on the resitutionary or "but for" basis should apply to the question of compensa-

Short of that, his Lordship did not see why equity should close its eyes to what the beneficiary would have done if there had been no misrepresentation or the appropriate losure had been made.

The correct approach to equita-ble compensation for breach of fiduciary dury, except where the fidu-ciary had acted dishonestly or in bad faith, was to assess what actual loss had resulted from the breach, having regard to the scope of the duty broken. The court could have regard to any inference which, on the evidence, could prop-erly be drawn as to what would have happened if the fiduciary had performed his duty.

Failing any such evidence, the beneficiary was entitled to be placed in the position he was in before the breach occurred. That as sumed that he could show that but for the breach of duty, the beneficiary would not have acted in the way which had caused his loss,

The view that Brickenden did not prevent a fiduciary from prov-

ing what the client beneficiary would have done if there had been no breach of fiduciary duty now appeared to prevail in the courts of New Zealand and Canada.

Those courts in recent cases had merpreted Brickenden to mean that, once breach of fiduciary dury was established through the fail-ure of the fiduciary to disclose ma-terial facts to the beneficiary, it was open to the court to spec on the course the beneficiary would have taken had the duty

been discharged. it was nevertheless open to the fiduciary, on whom the onus lay, to show if he could, what the beneficiary would have done if there had been no breach of fiduciary duty and whether, therefore, the beneficiary had suffered any and if so what loss which should he compen-

As to the issue of lender fault in equity, his Lordship said that in English law contributory negligence had never been a defence to an intentional tort. In such cases the Law Reform: Contributory Negligence Act 1945 had no applica-

By parity of reasoning, his Lordship could see no good reason why equity should adopt a less rigorous approach. His Lordship therefore took the view that where, in order to establish a breach of fiduciary duty it was necessary to find that the fiduciary was consciously disloyal to the beneficiary, the fiduciary was disabled from asserting that the beneficiary contributed to the loss which he suffered flowing from the breach.

That did not mean that the conduct of the person to whom the fiduciary duty was owed was irrelevant. There came a point, following the breach of the fiduciary duty, where the loss was too re-

mote for the breach to be said to be a loss flowing from it or where the claimant's own conduct came into play as a factor determining the loss for which he could recover.

His Lordship also commented on the benefit of the managed list procedure adopted in the trial of the 12 actions, which were a repre-sentative cross-section of more than 400 claims mounted by the

His lordship said that by the procedure he was enabled to obtain a more balanced view of the way the plaintiff operated than if he had tried a single trial only.

In particular, his Lordship was bener able to assess, partly by vir-tue of the plaintiff's extensive discovery in the action, what the plainoff's response should have been to the information supplied to it by the applicant borrowers (relevan to contributory negligence) and how it would have reacted to the disclosures which it said the defendant solicitors should have made to it (relevant to causation). His Lordship found levels of con-

tributory negligence by the plain-tiff in many cases which reduced the damages to which it was entitied by amounts ranging between 20 per cent and 90 per cent of the

Factors his Lordship took into account in making those findings in-duded failing to heed warnings is-sued by the industry regulator con-cerning the need to be prudent about tending, placing too much emphasis on the value of the underfying security and too little on the borrower's convenant, lending at excessively high loan to value per-centages and failing to spell out its reporting needs in its printed instructions to solicitors.

Solicitors: Burges Salmon, Bris-tol; Barlow Lyde & Gilbert.

Enforcing award in foreign arbitration

Minmetals Germany GmbH v Ferco Steel Ltd

Before Mr Justice Colman Judgment January 20

By agreeing the place of a foreign arbitration, a party not only agreed to submit all contractual disputes to arbitration but also agreed that the conduct of the arbi ration should be subject to the su-pervisory jurisdiction of the courts of that place.

Mr Justice Colman so held in

the Queen's Bench Division when olding the order of Mr Justice Cresswell made on January 12. 1998, under section 101 of the Arbi-ration Act 1996, giving leave to Minmetals Germany GmbH to en-force against Ferco Steel Ltd an award dated September 29, 1995 in an initial arbitration, and an award dated March 20, 1997 in the resumed arbitration, conducted under the auspices of the China International Economic Trade Arbitration Commission, of Beijing.

Mr Duncan Mathews for Minmetals: Mr Michael Swainston for Ferro.

MR JUSTICE COLMAN said it was common ground that the awards were enfoceable in England under the Arbitration Act 1975 which gave effect to the New York Convention on the Recognition of Foreign Arbitral Awards 1958: see Fifth Report of the International Law Committee 1961 (Crand 1515). Nor was it disputed by Ferco that unless it could persuade the Beijing court to order a retrial and, as a result, the Beijing court ordered revocation, the awards were, as they stood, final and enforceable under Chinese law.

Section 102(1) and (2) of the Arbitration Act 1996 expressly provided that such awards must be enforced unless the party against whom enorcement was sought proved that the case fell within one of the excep-

With regard to the court's power under section 103(3) to decline to enforce or recognise an award on the grounds of inarbitrability of the subject matter or of enforcement being contrary to public policy, whereas it was always open to the court to take an illegality point of its own volition, if a respondent to enforcement wished to rely on mat-ters within subsection (3), the burn of making good the objection to enforcement clearly rested on

that party. . Article 53 of the arbitration commission rules was clearly and ex-pressly applicable to the conduct of itrators in making their award. His Lordship was in no doubt that not acted in accordance with interples of fairness and reasonable

However, the position following the Beijing court's order for a re-sumed hearing was that the evi-dence relied on by the arbitrators was open to challenge by means of a request for sight of the award and of the evidence on which it was

Since no such challenge was ad-vanced, Ferco had waived its right to object to the continuing omission of the arbitrators to disclose the award under article 45 of the

The public policy issue arose in relation to the New York Conven-tion award made pursuant to a Chi-

nese agreed arbitral authority. In international commerce, a party who contracted into an agreement to arbitrate in a foreign jurisdiction was bound not only by the local arbitration procedure but also by the supervisory jurisdiction of the courts of the seat of the arhitra-

If the award was defective nr the arbitration was defectively conduct ed the party who complained of the defect must in the first instance pursue such remedies as existed under that supervisory jurisdiction.

Adherence to that part of the arbitrarion agreement must be a cardinal policy consideration by an English court considering enforcement of a foreign award.

In a case where a party against whom enforcement was sought alleged that a New York Cunvention award should not be enforced or the ground that such enforcement would lead to substantial injustice and therefore be contrary to English public policy the following must normally be included among the relevant considerations: The nature of the procedural in-

2 Whether that party had invoked the supervisory jurisdiction of the seat of the arbitration. 3 Whether a remedy was available under that jurisdiction.

Whether the courts of that jurisdiction had conclusively determined the enforcee's complaint in favour of upholding the award. 5 If that party had failed to invoke that remedial jurisdiction, what reason had he and, in particular, vhether he was acting unreasonably in failing ω do so.

Solicitors: Sinclair Roche & Temperley: Ince & Co.

European Patent Convention forum shopping

Sepracor Inc v Hoechst Marion Roussel Ltd and Others Before Mr Justice Laddie

|Judgment January: 29| The court would not exercise its discretion so as to make an order which prevented a party from littgaring in a court where, under the European Palent Convention, he was entitled to sue. Facts which defendant had knowingly facilitate ed or assisted another person to infringe were insufficient to consi-ture him a joint tortleasor.

Air Justice Laddie su held in the Chancery Division, on the hearing of an application by the first to sixth defendants: Hoechst Marion Roussel Ltd. Marion Merrell Ltd. Huechst AG, Hoechst Marion Roussel AG, Hoechst Marion Roussel Deutschland GmbH and Howhst Marion Roussel Inc. an American subsidiary of the third defendant, to strike out proceedings against them commenced by the plaintiff, Sepracor Inc. in England un September 28, 1998, seeking a declaration that European Patent (UK) 11,701,430 and th equivalent designations of it in each of 12 other countries, including Denmark and France, but not Belgium, were valid. The seventh defendant. Georgetown University, was co-proprietor with Sepracor of that patent.

Air Richard Meade for Sepraovr. Mr Andrew Waugh, QC, for the first to sixth defendants.

MR JUSTICE LADDIE said that the UK patent in suit con-cerned an antihistamine drug, terlenatine carboxylate, various Heech-t companies, in various countries, marketed a rival prodnet under the trade marks Telfast or "Alkegra".

On May 4, 1998 the fifth detend-ant and a Belgian company in the Hosehst group had commenced proceedings in Belgium against Sepracor There had been unchadlenged evidence that a patent acnon there would take some five years to come to trial and any appeal would take another five.

MacPherson and Another v Luropean Strategic Bureau

There was no unlawful distribu-

non contrary to section 203() of the

Companies Act 1985 where the shareholders of a quasi-partner-

profits made by the business, en-

tered into an agreement under

which departing shareholders were paid a percentage of profits

phimilis: Mr Robert Wright, QC.

MR JUSTICE LERRIS said that

in 1989 the plaintiffs and a Mr Rich-

and Leman set up the defendant

company to provide investment

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from contracts on which

ship, in which the participants re-ceived any income only from the

Before Mr Justice Ferris

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Among practitioners, such forum shopping was called "deploying the Belgian torpedo".

No pleadings responsive to Se-pracors writ and statement of claim having been served, on December 4, the first defendant petitioned the High court to revoke Sepracor's UK patent and launched the present notice of motion to strike out its writ and statement of claim on the ground, inter alia, that it was not open to Sepracor to sue here in respect of infringe-ments in other countries when the validity of the patents themselves were or would be in issue.

Anyone uncontaminated by familiarity with the European Patent Convention and having to litigate aicourt, mi Germany, the source of all the Hoechst drugs to be sold in Europe, was the obvious forum for resolving validity and infringement.

But that was the course both sides wished to avoid: Hoechst wanting the German and French is-sues decided in Belgium. Sepracor in England. Further, in relation to all countries except England, Sepracor wanted to restrain local infringement without suing the local companies primarily responsible for alleged infringements.

In the light of Fort Dadge Ltd v Akzo Nnhel NV (1998) FSR 222) Sepracor had conceded, without formally agreeing, that the pleaded claims in relation to the foreign desienations were not justiciable here so all the relevant parts of the pleadings and particulars of in-fringement would be struck out.

Mr Waugh had also cited Sac charin Corporation v Wild [[1903] Ch 400) as justifying a strike-out of those parts under Order 15, rule 5(1) or Order 18, rule 19 of the Rules of the Supreme Court as likely to prejudice embarrass or delay the trial of the purely domestic issues His Lordship did not accept that

Distribution to departing

shareholders lawful

As most of ESB's service con-tracts only provided for the compa-

ny to be paid in the event of its ef-forts on hehalf of the client being

successful, the company's activities were initially largely financed through loans made by Mr

When the plaintills decided to

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authority as justifying that course. Courts here frequently had to decide issues of foreign law. The choice was herween one action here, with evidence relating to Countries laws, nearly identical.

since each country had tried to implement the provisions of the European Patent Convention, or 13 separate actions in 13 countries, with 26 teams of lawyers.

His Lordship had no doubt that one action would be quicker, cheaper and more convenient. It was well established that considerations of forum conveniens were not relevant under the convention and he could think of no circumstances that would justify him in preventing a party from litigating in a court in which the convention entitled him to sue. The judgment of Lord Justice

Hobbiouse in Credit Lyonnais Bank Nederland NV v Export Credit Guarantee Department the ambit of the law concerning joint tortfeasors:

There is no tort of knowing assistance ... the liability in tort for the act of another depends ... upon participation in. or authorisation of, that act... (at p42a).

"Acts which knowingly facilitate to ... aiding and abetting bot they do not amount to a tort or make the aider liable as a joint tortleasor (at

"Mere ... knowing assistance does not suffice ... the sexundary party ... must have conspired with the primary party or procured or induced his commission of the tort .. or have joined in the common de sign pursuant to which the turn was committed ... (at p 46b). Applying that guidance and that

of Lord Justice Glidewell in Uniley

er pie v Chefaro Proprietaries Ltd. | 1994| FSR 135, 138) to the effect that there must be some act in fur-therance of the common design and/or that the secondary party had procured or assisted the primary party to infringe. His Lordship did not accept that

an arguable case of joint tortlea-sance had been demonstrated against the third to sixth defendnts, who had to be removed from the action.

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Revised Interest Rates

Amended Investment and Savings Rates, Effective from 1st March 1999.

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His Lordship rejected an alternanive submission that the plaintiffs, and Mr Lyman, had failed to declare their interests prior to enter-ing into the revised shareholders agreement contrary to section 317 of the 1985 Act.

There was unanimous share holder approval of the agreement and no amount of formal disclo-sure could have increased the other shareholders' relevant knowl-In any event a breach of section Ni would only have made the

archolders' agreement voidable Reliance on such a contravention could only benefit ESB if it had had the opportunity to rescind the agreement and had in fact done so. Mr MacPherson has resigned his directorship, and both plainuffs have transferred their shares to Mr Lyman pursuant to the terms of the agreement, which had been performed in a number of ne spects. It was now impossible for

ESB to rescind. Solicitors: Thomson Snell & Passmore. Tunbridge Wells: Bristows Cooke & Carpmael.

Correction

In Presson Barough Council v Mc-Grath (The Times February IS) the solicitors for Preston were Davies Wallis Foyster, Liverpool.

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TOMORROW

Interims: Britt Alicroft, Druid Group, News Communications & Madia. Finals: Arriva, BPP Holdings, CRH, Epwin Group, Fairview Holdings, Gallaher, Hickson International, Jardine Lloyd Thompson Group, Millennium & Copthome, Norwich Union, PSD Group, Rentokii Initial, RJB Mining, Wates City of London Properties. Economic statistics: Halifax February house price survey, end-February official reserves, Bank of England Monetary Policy Committee meeting.

WEDNESDAY

Interims: S Lyles, Photobition. FInals: William Baird, Britannic, Cakebread Robey, Cookson Group, Dawson International, Enterprise Oil, GKN, Jacobs Holdings, Parity, Psion, Serco Group, Thisde Hotels, Wilson Bowden. Economic statistics: Chartered institute of Purchasing & Supply February service sector survey. Confederation of British Industry February quarterly distributive trades survey, Bank of England Monetary Policy Committee rate decision.

THURSDAY

interiors; none scheduled, Finais: Elementis, Furlong Homes Group, Oxford Glycosciences, PowerGen, Rolls-Royce, Sanderson Bramall Motor, Total Office Group, Vickers, Williams, Xenova, Economic statistics; three months to January housing starts, three months to December new construction orders, Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders February new car registrations.

FRIDAY

Informations. Finals: Greggs; Lamelight Group, Economic elos: fourth-quarter construc-



Rentokil faces its earnings test

RENTOKIL INITIAL There may be some questions posed when the "Royal Rateatcher" publishes final results tomorrow amid signs that its earnings growth is slowing.

A few years ago, Sir Clive Thompson, chief executive, put himself on the rack by saying that earnings growth of 20 per cent a year was achievable. He fell just short of the target in the first half and is expected to report only a 17 per cent rise in earnings, to 12 lp per share, this time.

Pre-tax profits are expected to be between £485 million and £505 million, against £417 million last time. Shareholders should be rewarded with a final payout of 3.6p to 3.7p, up from last year's 3.06p. Suspicions that sales growth has slowed because of Rentokil's diverse geographic exposure are likely to be proved right. This may put pressure on the group to make another big acquisition.

Rentokil almost tripled in size when it paid £2.1 billion for BET in 1996. Although Sir Clive has insisted be sees no need for another big purchase in the next two years or so, industry watchers say that the company could look at deals of about £500 million. Compass Group, Securicor and International Service Systems are tipped as potential targets.

Bolt-on acquisitions seem likelier. Rentokil bought eight hygiene and security companies for £37 million in January, adding £49 million of turnover.
The business split is 30 per

cent hygiene, 25 per cent transport, 14 per cent security, 11 per cent property, 11 per cent personnel and 6 per cent pest control.
Paul Morland, of BT Alex Brown, expects profits of £491

million, and looks for a 2 per cent

increase in sales, to £2.93 billion.

NORWICH: UNION: Last week's admission by Legal & General that it was sacrificing margins for market share sent a shudder through life assurers: However, there should be few such fears with Norwich Union, which is the cheapest in the sector, according to BT Alex Brown, the broker, It expects pre-tax profits of £700 million, against £647 million last time. Earnings per share should be up 7 per cent. from 22.1p to 23.7p. The dividend

should be up 10 per cent, at 128p.

Life profits will be up a tenth.



Sir Clive Thompson may have to fend off some pesky questions about Rentokil's earnings growth

with the domestic market gain-ing from a high level of maturities of with-profit policies and reasonable investment returns.

POWERGEN: Third-quarter results from PowerGen on Thursday will be the first indication of the sort of cost savings obtainable from its EL9 billion acquisition of East Midlands Electricity.

The group decided last year to change its year end from March to December, and a substantial deficit appears to be on the cards because of big exceptional items. A pre-tax loss of £215 million to £315 million is forecast, against a £376 million profit for the corresmillion to £600 million relating to renegotiation of contracts to take Liverpool Bay gas. Information will be sought on

the sale of 4,000 megawatts of coal-fired generating assets that the group decided to shed to gain regulatory approval to buy East Midlands. The group had origi-nally hoped to get £800 million to El billion for the two plants, Fid-dler's Ferry and Ferrybridge, but recent speculation suggests that it will receive about £1.5 billion.

BURMAH CASTROL: Final resuits today are expected to show pre-tax profits of £235 million to £238 million, down from £279.7 ponding period. This will be struck after exceptionals of E500 million last time, after hits from-currency factors and deteriorating markets in Asia and North America in the second half. The full-year dividend should rise

from 40½p to 42½p. The core businesses will have performed creditably, despite some pressure on end markets, with both the chemicals and the lubricants businesses holding up well. The key to events will be any comments on the outlook for main markets in the Far East. Credit Lyonnais Securities ex-

pects profits of £238.1 million and a dividend of 42p. COOKSON: The group has just completed a review of operations,

and its proposals for restructur-

ing and strategy are expected to be announced with final results

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on Wednesday. The materials technology company has said that "marginally better than ex-pected" trading in the fourth quarter has led it to expect pretax profits, before exceptional items and goodwill amortisation, of about £150 million for the year to December 31. That figure was towards the top of the City's range of £138 million to £150 million and compares with £91 million the previous year.

Earnings per share are expected to be 14.4p to 15.7p. against earnings before exceptional items of 18p previously.

Despite Cookson's efforts to emphasise an upturn in fourthquarter trading, analysts do not expect 1998 to have been a fine year because of shutdowns and destocking in the steel industry.

SG Securities, which expects pre-tax profits of £137.5 million and a 9.5p dividend, says that recent action to cut costs suggests that trading has been difficult.

VICKERS: The group is expected to reveal strategic plans for its defence unit with final results on Thursday. It has forecast pre-tax profits, before exceptionals, of about £55.6 million, against £76.5 million last time. The payout is forecast to stay at 7.2p.

ROLLS-ROYCE: Healthy full-year figures from the aero-engine group are forecast for Thursday. Pre-tax profits before exceptionals are expected to be between E318 million and E325 million, against £276 million a year ago. A final dividend of 6.5p to 6.6p

and earnings per share of 16.3p to 17p are expected. It will be interesting to see

whether the group is on track to meet its target of double-digit earnings growth and whether growth comes from top-line figures or is underpinned by a fall in research costs. At the interim stage, Rolls-Royce partially attributed its 16 per cent rise in profits to a reduction in expenditure.

Development in high-margin after-market sales compared with lower-margin original equipment sales will be watched.

GKN: Full-year pre-tax profits before exceptionals on Wednesday are expected to be £440 million to £455 million, against £406 million a year earlier. The payout should grow from 14.8p to 16.3p.

Chances to move rates

B oth the Bank of England and the European Central Bank have the opportunity to move interest tunity to move interest rates this week. Analysts are divided on whether the Monetary Policy Committee will make yet another cut on Wednesday, but there is a clear consensus that the ECB will not take any action a day later. The recent fall in the euro's value, coupled with interference from Oskar Lafootaine, Germany's Finance Minister, has apparently made ECB council members even more determined to keep to 3 per cent "for the foreseeable future".

However, euroland economic data published next week are likely to keep market hopes of a rate cut later in the spring alive. Figures released tomorrow are expected to show the annual rate of eurozone inflation declining from 0.8 per cent to 0.7 per cent in January, although still comfortably within the ECB's 0 to 2 per cent target. Fourth-quarter GDP figures, which are published on Thursday, are likely to confirm that quarterly growth has stalled, although the annual rate of expansion will remain a respectable 2.1 per cent. The money supply data, published today, should also help to reassure the ECB that future inflation pressures remain subdued, with the annual rate of M3 falling from 4.5 to 4.1 per cent in January.

The biggest test for international markets is likely to be on Friday with the publication of the February employment figures. Analysts are forecasting strong growth in non-farm payrolls which will beighten fears that the Federal Reserve is more likely to raise than cut rates in the next few months.

Back home, a normally quiet data week will be enlivened by the publication tomorrow of the average earnings data after an ab-sence of four months. The earnings series was suspended in November after data revi-sions turned the received wisdom about the path of earnings growth during 1998 on its head, prompting criticism of the Bank of England's analysis. Analysts expect the fig-ures to show that wage growth has eased since the data were suspended.

On Wednesday the Confederation of British Industry distributive trades survey will provide the first glimpse of whether the January bounce-back in sales has been sustained.

ALASDAIR MURRAY

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Increase in business failures

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By SAEED SHAH

BUSINESS failure rates continued to rise in Britain last year, in contrast to the rest of Europe, showing that the country remains out of step with the Continent's business cycle.

Britain's distinct business cycle will be one of the key economic barriers to joining the curo, where a single interest rate assumes a broadly synchronised cycle. While Euro-pean business failures fell on average by 7.8 per cent in 1998.

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the number of businesses going to the wall in Britain increased last year by 6.2 per cent, according to a survey published today by Dun & Bradstreet, the business information group. Britain was the only leading

Western European economy to register a significant in-crease in business failures. with the annual tally increasing by more than 2,000 to a rate of about 775 businesses going bust each week.

In Germany, business failures also rose during 1998 but per cent of business now ex-

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only by about 400 or 1.6 per cent. France saw business failures down 14.3 per cent over 1997, while Italy fell by 18.5 per cent, Sweden was down 20 per cent and Austria enjoyed a 38

per cent fall in failure rates. A separate Dun & Brad-street survey, also published today, conducted among 10,000 British and continental businessmen, for the first quarter of 1999, showed that business confidence has fallen to its lowest level for five years. Some 62

pect to increase their sales during the first quarter of 1999. down 3.5 percentage points

from the previous quarter. Philip Mellor, senior business analyst at Dun & Bradstreet, said that Britain's business cycle was 12 to 18 months ahead of Europe. He said that one reason for Britain's different business cycle was the fact that the UK traded to a far greater extent beyond Europe. and so was much more vulnerable to economic conditions elsewhere in the world.

Keyline from CRH

BY CARL MORTISHED TRAVIS PERKINS and Wol-

seley are in the lead to buy Keyline, the £200 million builder's merchants chain, from CRH, the Irish building materials group. Bidding closed late last Graham Group, the quoted builder's merchant that was also oamed as a takeover tar-

holders, Skanska and Aker, which control 75 per cent of the group, have been forced to sell their stake by the competition authorities in Brussels, over concerns about dominance in the Nordic cement market.

Two head field to buy

week; Warburg Dillon Read, which is auctioning Keyline. will shortlist potential buyers. Keyline will be sold as one business, contrary to reports suggesting that the two favourites would carve it up between them, with Travis Perkins taking the North of England and Scotland branches and Wolseley taking the South East. Other potential buyers include

Corporate activity is bubbling in the building materials sector with Scancem, the quoted Scandinavian group, attracting a queue of potential bidders. CRH is thought to be keen to buy Castle Cement, a subsidiary of Scancem which controls 25 per cent of the UK centent market, the largest stake after Blue Circle. CRH will face competition from RMC and Lafarge, the French company.

get, and venture capitalists.

Scancem's two largest share-

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THE FACTS

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Employees: 46,550 Business: Cable & Wireless is an international telecommunications and multimedia operator providing services in more than 50 countries including the UK, the US, Hong Kong, Australia

THE BOARD

Sir Ralph Robins, 65, chair man after being a non-executive since 1994. He is also chairman of Rolls-Royce and the Defence Industries

Graham Wallace, 50, chief executive, ran Cable & Wireless Communications and is a former finance director of Grana-

Rod Olsen, 53, is executive director for Asia Pacific. He joined Cable & Wireless in 1976. He plans to leave the company soon.

Robert Lerwill, 46, has been executive director, finance, since 1997 and joined Cable & Wireless from the WPP Group where he had been group finance director since 1986.

Linus Chung, 50, chief executive of Hongkong Telecom, used to be deputy managing director of Cathy

Pacific Airways. Stephen Pettit, 46, executive director, global business, joined Cable & Wireless in 1994 as European managing director from BP. He is also chairman of One-2-One.

The non-executives are: Winfried Bischoff, 56, chairman of Schroders; Janet Morgan, 52, writer and businesswoman; David Nash, 58, former chairman of Grand Metropolitan's food business; and Raymond Seitz, 57, vicechairman of Lehman Brothers and a former US Ambassador to the UK.

This week Graham Wallace is off to Hong Kong. Although in his career he has worked in the US for a couple of years the visit will mark the start of his new international career, as chief executive of Cable & Wireless, the most global of all the would-be dominators of the expanding telecommunications market.

Less than a week into the new job, earned by bashing together Mercury Communications and three cable companies, Bell Cablemedia, Video-tron and Nynex CableComms, Wallace says he has "very clear ideas" about what to do with the company founded 125 years ago to take the electronic telegraph around the world. He is, however, old-fashioned enough to want to share them with his board and staff first. What is absolutely clear is where the emphasis will be

placed and Wallace's role in it. "This whole area of the Internet and data and what you can do through networks is an area where there is huge potential," he says.

"I think the way the price/value cost equation is coming down we are just scratching the surface," adds Wallace, who spent the central part of his career at Granada Group, first as finance director and then running first the rental division and then restaurants services.

His management expertise therefore encompasses the financial disciplines, the service sector and the importance of brands all topped up by more than a dash of the latest communications technology acquired at CWC, the cable group.

Wallace, a gravelly voiced, dogged, home-spun execuove, is in many ways the complete antithesis of his immediate predecessor, Dick Brown, a flamboyant American.

With luck Wallace's appointment will end nine years of management instability at C&W stretching back nine years to the days when Lord Young of Graffham was chairman. The comings and goings have been such that Rod Olsen. who has run the Asia Pacific businesses, and is soon to leave the company to start a new life in Australia, has had to fill in as acting chief executive.

Even though it was always



Graham Wallace, left, starts a new international career as he takes the reins at Cable & Wireless. In some ways he is the antithesis to his predecessor, Dick Brown, right, the flamboyant American. One difficult issue for Wallace, who sees mobile phones as part of C&W's future, is the ownership of One-2-One

likely that Dick Brown would merely be passing through it is difficult to overestimate Brown's contribution. His plan to raise \$1 billion by tidying up a mish-mash of minority interests was a useful start. But it is the \$1 billion deal to buy the Internet backbone business of MCI that has helped to

create much of the potential that Wallace has inherited. Today SG Securities will publish a study of Cable & Wireless suggesting that the value of the Internet acquisition needs to be increased by more than £2 billion because of the ferment in

Internet stocks. The plan to spend another \$1 billion over five years building a fully intergrated voice, Internet and data super-network linking more than 40 European cities is

another part of the jig-saw. Yet to some extent Brown did the "easy" bits and Wallace faces the much tougher task of implementing the vision and dealing with a re-

maining knotty series of structural issues that the City, at least, believes will not go away if C&W is to make the full transition from a federation of fairly discrete entities into a fully integrated global player.

The first tricky problem is C&W's 54 per cent stake in Hongkong Telecom. The Lon-

solid pair of hands to run the business."

WHAT HE EXPENSE AND

"Cable & Wireless is going to be very strong in Internet-based te-

lephony and this is extremely important. It is in an incredibly

strong position relative to its peer group. Dick Brown did what was

necessary to restructure the company; now Graham Wallace is a

"Cable & Wireless is a seemingly fabulous collection of tele-

coms assets but it is still an enigma. The question for Graham

Wallace is how to make sense of that collection of assets. He

faces three or four big decisions, such as what to do about Chi-

na and One-2-One. The challenge will be getting the big deci-

James Dodd, Dresdner Kleinwort Benson

don-based group has successfully negotiated both the hando-ver in 1997 and the opening-up of the market to competition but hopes of an early entry into mainland China seem likely to be frustrated for some time:

Jim McCaffery, SG Securities

With analysts predicting falling revenues in Hong Kong C&W will have to decide

a very long game in China. Dresdner Kleinwort Benson suggests that it might be sensible to de-couple Hongkong Tel-ecom from the rest of Cable & Wireless so that investors do not have to invest in the future of telecommunications in China whether they like it or not.

whether to play what could be

Another difficult issue is the ownership of One-2-One, the mobile phone company in the UK, a 50-50 joint venture with Media-One, the US cable company.

There is a bit of an impasse because both sides would probably like to be a 100 per cent owner. but the likely outcome is a flota-tion of a minority stake in One-2 -One. Wallace sees mobile as part of the group's future as part of the range of delivery mechanisms to bring services to customers and says the relationship is working well. "I wouldn't see it as a pressing problem because

it works," says Wallace. As the former head of CWC Graham Wallace may find him-

self having to take some urgent decisions about Telewest, one of the other big three cable operators. There is a widespread belief that major Telewest share-holder TCI/AT&T is prepared to sell its stake, and Wallace may have to decide to hid or see

jor cable player, NTL. Analysts would also like to see some of the potential US Internet value crystallised with the float of a minority stake in the US Internet business.

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Whichever way Wallace jumps on this and other issues what is clear is that the venerable company is once again in the midst of reinventing itself and can justly claim that its reputation as a slumbering giant has already been transformed. There are global banks and

organisations like Andersen Consulting who are giving us business that three years ago we would not have got because they believe we can provide the packaging that they want

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public mind. At first he was worried that the words "cable" and
"wireless" were old-fashicsed.
His children put him right. Cable was associated in their minds with cable television and wireless with trendy cordless communications. So the name Cable & Wireless stays. It is not known yet how much he will be paid but Dick Brown's 1998 pay would have exceeded £4 million although most was performance-related. According to Crisp Consulting this is double the amount expected for

around the world," says Olsen.
At CWC Wallace spent an enor-

mous amount of money and ci-

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Communications brand in the

utives are paid £30,000 a year ... Cable & Wireless also scores well on ethical expression. According to Integrity Works, which has acted as advisers to C&W, it has a clear ethics policy which has been communicated to staff through designated staff in each business area.

someone of his experience in a FTSE company, although the tel-

ecoms sector has special fea-tures. The "impressive" non-exec-

As he starts to explore his new domain Graham Wallace has set himself the task of turning C&W into one of the world's top telecoms players in five years. He has a long way to go. In the past year C&W has un-derperformed the telecoms sector in the FTSE 100 by 63 per cent. Its progress will attract the closest scrutiny and if the potential does not turn into reality 125 years of independence could easly come to an end.

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French efforts to cut jobless figures rebound

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

THE French Government's efforts to attack unempluyment through a cut in working hours is turning into an expensive fiasco that will handicap French companies, according

to new research.

The study shows that, half-way through a two-year programme, the scheme has created just 24.155 jobs. France's Socialist-led Government had hoped that it would create between 400,000 and 700,000 over the period.

But the project is nut only inefficient, but also costly. An investigation by the pro-Government news magazine, Le Nouvel Observateur, concluded that it could end up costing the state between Fro5 billion (£6.7 hillion) and Fr100 billion a year for the forseeable future. This is a figure that makes

the Finance Ministry red with rage," said the magazine. Analysis say the only benefit from the legislation will be increased flexibility in France's otherwise rigid working practices.

The flugship policy of Prime Minister Lionel Jospin's Government was once touted as a French response to a French problem — high unemployment 1 , just under three million.

Companies employing more than 200 people were given two years to negotiate a reduction in the working week from 39 to 35 hours with no loss of pay for staff. Smaller firms have twice as long. Employers who meet the timetable are rewarded with tax reductions of Fr5.000 per worker per year.

Croissance Plus, an association that represents blue-chip firms, said the move will add I-r5 million to the costs of the average medium-sized firm, even after state aid of Fr2 million. As a result, most industrialists are doing their best to get mund the legislation.

Nowhere was this clearer than in the deal struck by unions representing LS million metal workers and miners with employers such as Renault, the carmaker. The working week recreased by four hours, basic salaries remained the same. and overtime rose. In return, umon leaders agreed to flexible working panerns.

BAA says terminal failure will cost £250m

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

BAA, the airports operator, will this week put a £250 million price tag on failure to win approval for a fifth terminal at Heathrow. Lawyers for the company will set out the high cost of work already completed on the El.8 billion project that is running at least five years behind schedule, BAA will make its final sub-

mission to the Terminal Five inquiry, which is entering the last foroight of its marathon

run uf almost three years.

The cost of buying land, of designing the building and paying for legal teams at the inquiry has been a huge drain on BAA, which must now wait unril at least 2001 before ministers finally decide whether to give the scheme the go-ahead. If successful, BAA hopes to open the terminal in 2006.

In this week's summing-up, David Silsoe, BAA's counsel. will tell the inquiry that the company will accept a legally binding freeze on the number of night flights to try to meet local fears about noise. However, he will reject as unworkable protesters' demands for a total ban on night flights.

BAA, whose chief executive is Sir John Egan, is confident that it could win approval and believe the length of the inquiry has strengthened its case, although the company has some fears that conditions attached to approval could make the project unviable. Des Wilson, BAA's corporate director, said: "Everythe beginning of the inquiry is now being shown to be true." Congestion at Heathrow, both at the airport and on surrounding roads, is deterring many passengers and some airlines from using the world's busiest

international airport.
The massive growth of rival airports at Amsterdam, Frankfuri and Paris has underlined fears that Britain could lose its pre-eminence as an international link, unless extra capacity is provided. The airport is struggling to cope with its 58 million annual passengers but BAA says an extra terminal would en-able it to set a permanent ceiling of SO million passengers.

The company insists that it would never build a third runway that would allow passenger numbers to surge towards 100 million. Campaigners against the terminal remain unconvinced and have used their final submissions to the inquiry to underline their concerns that an additional terminal will lead to further expansion of the airport and even greater growth than predicted by BAA.

Traffic at Heathrow is growing by just 3 per cent because of the capacity constraints on airlines. That compares with an overall 7 per cent rise in airline traffic for all of BAA's airports. much of which is being generat-ed at Stansted which is accommodating spillover traffic from



Sir John Egan, left, and Russell Walls, BAA finance director, with a model of the fifth terminal

Float looming for Canary Wharf project

By MARTIN WALLER

week expected to confirm plans for a stock market float and to indicate what propornon of the company will be offered to investors.

The decision will boost the

troubled property share mar-ket, which on Friday received further negative news as BAA cancelled plans to float its property subsidiary, Lynton. Although Canary Wharf, which owns and developed the London Docklands site, has

never confirmed intending to float, all the advisers are now in place and preparations are in hand for a spring market debut that would value the company at more than £2 billion. The final decision is expected to go to the wire, given the current state of the markets. Canary Wharf will announce a decision and give a guide as to how much of the company will be floated.

Although a float could raise

CANARY WHARF is this be to offer an exit for the group of investors who bought the company from the banks after

its bankrupicy in 1992. They include Franklin Muiual and CNA Financial, two US funds. Prince al-Walced bin Talal, the Saudi investor, and Paul Reichmann, the Canadian property developer whu initiated the scheme only to see it bring about the collapse

of his business empire.

Canary Wharf has 4.7 million so ft built, and 2.1 million sq ft under development. The float prospectus is likely to focus more on growth prospects and the further 6.5 million sq ft potentially available on un-developed land, and the proba-bility of rises in rental levels as tenancies granted when the development was in financial difficulties come up for renewal.

Crucial to a float is the arrival this year of the Jubilee Line extension of the Tube. An attempt to take the project public last year was pulled because of slock market uncertainty.

Grid gets chief at Littlewoods

Littlewoods, the retail group, is to succeed David Jefferies as chairman of National Grid, the electricity network.

Mr Ross, aged 60, will join the National Grid board today and take over as non-executiv chairman when Mr Jefferies retires at the company's annu-

al general meeting in July. He will remain non-executive chairman of Littlewoods. Before joining Littlewoods. Mr Ross was chief executive of Cable & Wireless, from 1992 to 1995. He had earlier been managing director of British Petroleum and chairman and chief operating officer of BP America. Mr Jefferies said: "James

Ross's knowledge of the energy and telecoms sectors, together with his experience in overseas

markers, suits him ideally to

IAMES ROSS, chairman of the group as it expands ... beyoud our core UK business." National Grid last month announced a 50 per cent interest in a Brazilian telecoms consortium, in which it will put up to



Asda ready to fight back in price war

By SAEED SHAH

ASDA, the supermarket chain. s preparing to deliver a broadside in the latest round of the supermarket price war, with plans for extensive price cuts. Asda is thought to be responding to an initiative by

Tesco, which tried to outmanoeuvre its rivals earlier this month by cutting the prices of hundreds of products. Asda is believed to be preparing a re-sponse, which could be unveiled as early as next week.

The Tesco initiative, which

covers all its 600 stores, saw

the prices of some 240 items re-duced by up to 25 per cent. The campaign is thought to be cost-ing Tesco up to £1 million a

week in lost revenues. Asda refused to give any details of its plan over the weekend but it is believed that it will pledge to undercut its rivals permanently and cut the cost of thousands of items. Price-cutting promotions have increased ahead of the results of the official investigation into competition among

the big supermarkets. The Office of Fair Trading inquiry into profits of the four leading chains, which together con-trol 45 per cent of the £87 billiona-year grocery market, was due to report before Christmas. It is expected to reveal its decision in the spring, which will determine whether a full-scale inquiry by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission is appropriate.

Olivetti wins approval for **Telecom bid**

BY CARL MORTISHED, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS EDITOR

TELECOM ITALIA has been pushed back on in the defensive by Consob, the Italian stock market regulator that has approved Oliveni's £36 billion bid for the telephone utility.

Ohveni's success in winning opening skirmish in the A wid v Gohath battle means dan Telecom Italia will be unable to put into place poison pills or a restructuring of the business designed to deter Olivetti.

Lelecom Italia had indicated (i) interest in inerging its (ii) per cent mobile-phone affiliate. LIM a move that would have put the phone utility beyond the financial reach of Olivetti. tranes Bernabe, Telecomhalia's chief executive, said: "I don't have any poison pills in my pocket hin I have a plant increasing the value of our com-

Consoli gave the go-ahead for Oliveni's filt at Telecom fraha over the weekend after inigially ruling the bid inadmissible. Consohiphicated to the conditionality of the offer which depends on securing a deal with Mannesmann, Oliveni's German partner, under which Mannesmann would buy Oliveni's share in Omnitel and Infastrada, the fast-growing mobile and fixed-link telecoms businesses.

The Consoh decision means that Olivetti's offer must be launched in April. The lengthy interregnum is necessary for Mannesmann to secure approval from the Government for the takeover of the Omnitel and Infustrada licences.

Oliventi failed to increase its offer from £IU (£0.50) per share but the deal approved by Consob includes a five trillion lire (CL7 billion) cash call by Oliveni and firmer arrangements with Mannesmann.

Both Olivetti and Telecont Italia face a new competitor in the telecoms sector. Wind, a joint venture between Enel. the energy utility. France Telecom and Deutsche Telekom which plans to secure up to 1.5 million users in 1909.

Wind launches its service on Alouday and claims an advantage over Oliveiri and Telecom halia because it is selling both fixed and mobile services at the same time.

Williams out to rescue its image

By Paul Armstrong

WILLIAMS, the 1980s-style conglomerate, will this week iry to improve its tattered image by highlighting growth in its Australian operations. It may be Williams's last

chance to convince investors that the paints-to-fire extingtashers group can achieve respectable earnings growth and imprime a depressed market rating. Its shares have badly underperformed the FTSE 100 over five years and failure to enthuse the City could lead to calls for radical changes and miliagement upheaval. Williams hopes to meet analysis'

demands for organic sales growth of up to 10 per cent in its Australian security and fire protection business.

The crucial figure will be given on Thursday in Williams's annual profit result, expected to be in line with City forecasts of 200 million before tax. Williams aims to use the prufit report to argue that its move away from manufacturing and into fire protection and security services will deliver earnings growth and a rating closer to a service rather than manufacturing business. It sees its Australian side as a model.

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A heroin dealer is arrested in the second

episode of Shanghai Vice (Channel 4, 9pm)

spin-doctoring (at every level from the US Navy down to individuals), lingation and cack handedness, which leaves virtually all of those involved under suspicion of, at best, moral and ethical ambiguity. The most astorishing aspect may be that, with the wreck still virtually un-protected those who have made the most according to the cache of
tected, those who have made the most capital out of

a mass grave and the scene of a maritime disaste show no sign of recognising that this is the case.

If the first of Tony Grounds's three-part series was

If the first of Tony Grounds's three-part series was slightly over the top, part two is so far over that it is coming back up the other side. The three tilplong friends (Ray Winstone, Phil Davis and Mark Strong) have apparently survived the problems raised by their "stag" outing, and Strong's new wife has had a healthy baby. Winstone, richer and brasher than ever, gives the others jobs with his own company, but Davis discovers that his idolised wife (Tessa Peake-Jones) fell pregnant while at school, and Winstones's schoolgirl daughter is arrested for trespassing with Davis's

daughter is arrested for trespassing with Davis's dropout son. Then an even mastier accident occurs. Whatever next? Tony Patrick

BBC WORLD SERVICE

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Births, Marriages and Deaths

This week's meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) is to be squared with preparing Britain for the euro? If interest rates are to be set to target inmore than usually signifi-cant, I do not refer to the likeflation, then they cannot simul-taneously be used to achieve convergence with euroland at

ly outcome for interest rates. (which I think will be a further cut of 0.25 percentage point.). but rather to something of wider import. For it will be the first meeting since the publication of the National Changeover Plan, which lays out a path for Britain's preparations for the euro.

Not that the plan said a great deal about monetary policy or the exchange rate. or indeed the MPC. In fact, it said nothing at all about these weighty matters. Funny that. There was a lot about tills and IT requirements but nothing about managing the monetary system itself. Even so, last week we gain-

ed a fascinating insight from a different source. The Governor of the Bank of England was asked about what plans the Bank had for a switch of monetary regime to prepare us for the euro. None, came the answer. Nor had he even talked about the issue with the Chancellor. The MPC's "marching orders" were quite clear - to set interest rates at whatever level was necessary to hit the inflation target.

Nothing wrong with that, you might say. But how is this

an acceptable exchange rate. Of course, maintaining inflation at 2.5 per cent should help to impart some stability to the economy and reduce the likely range of differences with euro-land. So, perhaps, if the MPC just carries on targeting 25 per cent, everything will be all

right — fingers crossed.

But the European average inflation rate is 0.8 per cent. and looking to be heading lower still, compared with our corresponding figure of 1.6 per cent. Meanwhile, our interest rates are nearly twice the euro level. In other words, there is a fair bit of converging yet to be done.

One option, if monetary policy were to play its role in bringing about convergence, would be to raise interest rates, or at least to stop cutting them, so as to force inflation down to the point where we could comfortably live with 3 per cent interest rates. If the Government were pretty confident that our economies were converging anyway, another option might be to move interest rates gradually towards the euro level. But, apparently, we are going



and hope for the best. What about the exchange rate itself? At the moment, although the Bank takes the level of sterling into account when setting rates to hit the inflation target, it has no target level for sterling itself, and the pound can and does vary widely. If the Government were to try to establish sterling at some reasonable level before entry and then to keep it there, it would not be able to maintain the existing

monetary policy regime.

There could be some sort of hybrid encompassing both an exchange rate and inflation target, but the clearest regime would be one where interest rates were managed so as to keep sterling within a certain range against the euro. If the pound threatened to move outside, then rates would have to

be changed to whatever level was necessary to keep the pound there, regardless of the level of British inflation, and regardless of the consequences for the economy. Does this ring a bell? Perhaps if I men-tioned the word "scintilla" it would give you a ciue.

This policy involves precise-

ly the problem that Britain experienced in the ERM. Indeed, the Maastricht treaty lays down an exchange rate criterion for EMU membership, namely that a candidate currency should have stayed within the bands of the ERM for at least two years without undue strain. For understandable reasons, the British Government rejects this criterion. But it is there for a reason, namely to ensure that the currency alignment which it is proposed to hold "forever" should be workable. That is nerfectly reasonable. It is a bit like the benefits of a courtship, as opposed to getting married on the first date.

Moreover, in the case of most of the euro members, their relationship has stronger and deeper roots even than that. France, for instance, has maintained an effectively fixed exchange rate against the mark for more than ten

This is not Britain's position. Since the exit from the

ERM, the pound has traded at levels between 2.16 against the mark and 3.11. Where should it be? It is difficult to be sure. But you would think, wouldn't you, that the Gov-ernment which proposes to fix it for all time would present us with some sort of mechanism for judging the appropriate rate — not to mention some strategy for get-ting and keeping it there be-fore the final deed is done?

S o you should relish the MPC's decision this Wednesday. Whatever the decision, it will have been taken in regard to an objective set by the British Government in pursuit of British interests.

Moreover, in taking its decision, the MPC will be fully accountable in Parliament. Indeed, the way that it emerged that there was apparently no transition planning on mone-tary policy was richly ironic. It emerged as the Governor was being questioned by the Treasury Select Committee of the House of Commons.

Any member of the public could go to that meeting and hear the MPC obliged to account for its actions by democratically elected representatives of the people. That is precisely what cannot happen with the ECB - even in Frankfurt, Strasbourg or Brussels.

TELEVISION CHOICE

Trouble in the East

The second film in Phil Agland's seven-part series about contemporary China continues the main storyline: the police attempt, via an informer, to set storyline: the police attempt, via an informer, to set up a drugs bust to catch a Muslim dealer from Canton. A new theme added tonight is the rehearsals by the Children's School of the Shanghai Opera for a production of a traditional Chinese opera about betrayal. This almost too neat counterpoint (after all, the drug-dealer and his minions hardly equate with the wronged wife in the operal makes it a less satisfactory film than the first, shown last night, but it is still mesmerising and compelling. One might find it impossible to imagine that a Chinese film-maker would be allowed the apparently complete access to British police the apparently complete access to British police operations and the prison service which Agland has enjoyed from the authorities in Shanghai.

BBC2, 11.15pm

The producer. Gerard Barry, describes this The producer, Gerard Barry, describes this documentary series about groupings among Britain's under-25s as "not another patronising, late and embarrassing TV attempt to get to "the kids". God forbid we should pass judgment. Given adolescents' tendency to exaggerate to any adult willing to let them brag about their behaviour, one might hope that those sequences of these short films which show criminal or merely artistical behaviour are fartisty rather than fact. these short tilms which show criminal or merey antisocial behaviour are fantasy rather than fact. But under-age drinking, drug-taking, vandalism, dangerous driving and loutishness are facts of life. There are also less disruptive, if no less contentious subjects, including "coming out" in Northern Ireland.

To the Ends of the Earth: The Battle for Titanic Channel 4, 8pm

Classic FM, 6.30pm

John Peel narrates this quite surprising account-igiven our exposure to the subject) of how the wreck of the RMS Titanic was discovered, fought over and exploited. It is a tale of deceit and

RADIO CHDICE

Radio 4. 8pm

BBC2, 9pm

Radio 4. 8pm

This is the second in an excellent series by Pere White about what happens to families when one of their number is put in prison. Torught's programme meets people whose sons or daughters have been jailed and, as with last week's opener about the effect on a marriage of one partner being jailed, we hear from truly heroic people; heroic in the sense that they have suffered hearthreak without imposing their pain on others. Stan Gregory and his wife Doreen, whose daughter Sandra was convicted of heroin trafficking in Thailand, describe how they had to stop having any contact with the people around them, not through any lack The fine print of the last audience research figures The fine print of the last audience research figures contained a couple of interesting items, including the fact that 658,000 people are now listening, at some point during the week, to this programme. Classic Newsnight, not to be confused with anything related to Jeremy Paxman, deserves a listen for it is a smooth and comprehensive review of the day's news with a couple of feature items thrown in, including a CD review by Richard Baker and a health slot presented by Dr Mark Porter, the telegenic GP, But the key figure is the presenter, John Brunning, who brings exactly the right tone of measured calm to a programme area increasof measured calm to a programme area increas-ingly dominated, elsewhere, by high-profile presenters. Brunning is simply good. with the people around them, not through any lack of support but because Doreen simply could not take the sympathy. Peter Barnard

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BW1060); Bach (Eherms clich, St Matthew Passion); Busoni, an Adams (Berceuse elegieque): Schubert (Piano Sonata in G. D894) 19.30 Artist of the Week The Dutch conductor Bernard Haltink talks to Joan Bakewall

remembers the early-music dynasty founded by

Amold Dolmetsch
12.00pm Composer of the West: Tchalikowsky
1.00 The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert Joan Rodgers,
soprano, Julius Drake, piano. Poulenc (Fiancallies
pour rite); Faure (Le jardin clos); Rosenthal (4 plus 7; L'elephent du jardin des plantes; La souris

(Bassoon Concerto in B flat, K191)
7.30 Performance on 3: Myths in Music Beginning a Mondey concert season. Jean Rigby, mezzo, BBC Philharmonic under Edward Downes. Bex (Tintagel); Bantock (Sappho) 8.20 Francesca da Rimini. Joseph Farrell explores the file and disetting of the adulteress 8.40 Prokofiev (Suits: Egyptian Nights); Totraikovsky (Francesca da Rimini).
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i Posserior: Classifial Nationalistif A week or programmes exploring the ancient and continuing association of the arts with nation-building association of the arts with nation-building to Volces lain Burnside presents the second of two programmes featuring the baritone Simon Kenlyside with Malcolm Martineau, piano, recorded last month at the Wigmore Hall Market National Robert Sandall

recorded last month at the Wigmore Hall.

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12.00am Composer of the Week: Aaron Copland (r)

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RADIO 4

4.30 Turning World with Jenni Murray and guests
5.00 PM Presented By Clare English and Chris Lowe
6.00 Stx O'Clook News
6.30 Just a Minute Tony Hawks, Derek Nimmo,
Grate Norton and Linda Smith to speak for

60 seconds without hesitation, repetition or deviation at the Sheffield Lyceum 7.00 The Archers

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Prospectors beat a path to Africa's new streets of gold

Cash-strapped producers are setting sights on liberalised Tanzania to cut

their costs, writes Rachel Bridge

or almost 40 years Tanzania has been virtually a closed book to the world's international goldmining giants, thanks to a socialist regime, sweeping nationalisation and the shunning of foreign investors. The tiny amounts of gold ore that did get taken out of the ground were dug out by small-scale artisanal miners scratching nut a living in remote corners

of the Tanzanian scrub. But the stage has been set for a dramatic revival of the ming sector as Tanzania opens its doors for business to foreign investors following a se-

ries of economic reforms. In the past year alone the Tanzanian Government has introduced a number of key changes for foreign gold producers, including a new mining code, a fiscal package specifically for mining that does not require companies to give the State a stake in the venture - formerly it took a mandatory 10 per cent stake - and a new investment code which exempts foreign firms from import duty on equipment and sales tax and allows profits to be repatriated.

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zania has also been prompted by the goldmining industry's increasingly desperate search for ever-lower cost production in an effort to withstand the effects of the historically weak gold price.

According to the World Gold Analyst, the weighted average cash cost of extracting gold fell by 20 per cent from \$264 per oz (£165) in June 1996 to just \$210 per oz in 1998 as companies strived to remain profitable while the gold price dropped to as low as \$275.

ing analyst at Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, said: "There is a big drive for low-cost production. Any mining company will tell you that their emphasis is on having low-cost assets. The big question is whether you bring on lower-cost mines than everyone else - and that is obviously what they think they

can do in Tanzania." Last month the tiny village of Lusu in the northwest corner of Tanzania played host to the country's President, Benjamin Mkapa, and several hundred local dignitaries to celebrate the opening of the \$48 million Golden Pride



Golden Pride, Tanzania's first big goldmine since independence in 1961, opened last month

mine, Tanzania's first largescale goldmine since independence in 1961.

Greeted by local dancers and musicians in brightly dressed costumes, the opening of the mine, a 50-50 joint venture project between Ashanti Goldfields and Resolute, the Australian mining company, is the first of what is expected to be a raft of foreign investmentbacked goldmining projects starting up in Tanzania.

Following hard on the heels of the Golden Pride project are three other big foreign-owned goldmining ventures set to begin production next year: Ashanti's huge proposed mine at Geita: the Bulyankulu mine in Kahama District being developed by the Canadian mining company Sutton Resources; and the Australian mining company Afrika Mashariki Gold Mines' 130,000-ounce gold project in Tarime District. Other overseas goldminers are also running a slide rule over the place - feasibility studies are under way by South Africa's Anglo-American Corporation, while Placer Dome, Maiden Gold, Ormonde Mining, Universal Gold and Kimberly Resources

amounts on exploration. The figures tell the story while total worldwide gold exploration expenditure dropped by 40 per cent from \$2.61 billion in 1997 to just \$1.56 billion in 1998, mineral exploration ex-

are all spending significant

penditure in Tanzania has cost of production of just \$170 steadily climbed the other way, jumping from \$6 million in 1992 to more than \$80 million in 1997 and expected to reach \$200 million by 2000.

Peter Cowley, managing di-

rector of Exploration at Ashanti, says the combination of good mineral prospects and government reforms have turned Tanzania into an extremely attractive destination. He said: "At present in terms of exploration for gold. Tanzania is the number one country in Africa. The growth in African gold production is coming from Tanzania and if anybody wants to explore in Africa they will be trying to get a position there. A big catalyst is that the Government has improved the physical code greatly to encourage foreign investment in the mining sector. And geologically Tanzania is favourable because the rocks

are very similar to the big provinces of Western Australia Ashanti, based in Ghana,

400,000 ounces a year Mr Cowley said the Geita mine would operate on a cash

moved into Tanzania in 1996 with the purchase of the Geita property from Cluff Resources. And last year it sharply expanded the size of the proposed mine there with the acquisition of Samax Gold, whose Kukuluma licences were adjacent to the Geita site, and so have enabled Ashanti to develop the two properties as a single giant mine, scheduled to produce

anzania has a long history of goldmin-ing dating back to the turn of the first millennium when Arabs settled on the east coast to purchase the gold produced by African workers. The first commercial mines were developed in 1909 by German colonists after the discovery of gold in the Lake Victoria area, and by 1939 gold was one of Tanzania's biggest

an ounce compared with Ash-

anti's average cash costs of production of \$218. The Golden

Pride project is expected to pro-

duce an annual average of

180,000 ounces of gold at a cash

cost of less than \$200 per

ounce. Mr Cowley said: "In to-

day's market you have to have

low cash costs. We are all low-

ering our costs just to keep up

with each other. If you can't

get your costs down then you

of mining and metals at Bar-

clays Capital, the lead syndi-

cate banker on the Golden

Pride project, said that Tanza-

nia has three factors working in its favour: outside South Afri-

ca it is one of the top three coun-

tries in Africa in terms of gold

mineralisation prospectivity; it has seen big changes in its min-

ing law; and it has not been af-

fected by huge amounts of con-flict. He explained: "You start

to see a fairly rosy picture. The

whole goldmining sector in

Tanzania could significantly

change the country's economic

performance. Within five years

they could be producing a mil-

lion and a half ounces of gold a

year which would put them quite significantly on the map."

Gerard Holden, global head

won't survive."

The late 1960s and 1970s, however, saw a steep decline in production, and the industry virtually ground to a halt, with the country pursued a policy of *uiamaa* — African socialism under Julius Nyerere, Tanza-

nia's first President. The Tanzanian Government confidently expects a gold boom in the next two years. Opening the Golden Pride mine, Presi-dent Mkapa said: "There is a boom in mineral exploration in the country for gold, base metals diamonds and uranium despite the current low prices in the market. That speaks a lot for the quality and abundance nf our resources."

at National Westminster Bank PLC, NatWest Investments Counter, c/o NafWest Markets, 1st Floor, 135 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3UR, WORD-WATCHING Answers Trum page 31 HARMONIAN United Kinodom Banks and Members of the Stock Exchange should

(a) One versed in harmony or music, a musician. A word constructed from harmony copying musician. Holland, Plutarch's Moralia, 1603: "Lasus the harmonian brought a greate change JULIENNE

(c) A soup made of various vegetables, especially carrots, chopped and cooked in meat broth. I722, presumably a kitchen eponym from a cook named Jules or Julien.

KIST (c) A chest, box or coffer. In Scotland the specific form for a servant's trunk. "The instances where an organ - or a kist o' whistles, as this noble instrument has been termed - has gained favour in a Scottish congregation, are exceptional."

(b) To give handsel (to a person); to present with, give or offer, something auspicious at the commencement of the year or day, the beginning of an enterprise.

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Glasgow's Royal Concert Hall

Masterwords with Peter Hobday, Includes Handel
(Overuse: Ariodante); Bach, reconstr Schneider
(Concerto in C minor for violin and oboe,

11.00 Sound Stories: Family Affairs Peggy Reynolds

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2.00 The BBIC Orchestres BBC Philharmonic under Yan Pascal Torteller, Rumon Gamba and Vassily Sinalsky, John Lill, piano. Elger (Introduction and Allegro); Selena Kay (Queen of the Night); Seira-Seans (Plano Concent No 2 in 6 minor); Sibellus (En Saga; Symphony No 1)

4.00 Opera in Action with Robert Lloyd

4.45 Music Machine with Tommy Pearson

5.00 in Turns with Seen Befork Jervice Monart

5.00 in Tune with Sean Rafferty. Includes Mozart

5.30am World News 5.35 Shipping Forecast
5.40 Inshore Forecast 5.45 Preger for the Day
5.47 Farming Today Presented by Charlotte Smith
6.00 Today with Sus MacGregor and James Naughtie
9.00 Start the Week Discussion programme, hosted
by Jerany Payman
9.45 (FM) Seriet; Zarafa Part one. Andrew Sachs
reads the story of a giraffe given to the larg of
France in 1826 which wen the hearts of the nation
9.45 (LW) Delity Service A St David's Day service from
Albarry Road Baptist Church in Cardiff. Director of
music Andrew Wilson-Dickson
10.00 Woman's Hour with Martha Keamey and guests
11.00 Turning Into Children Kirsty Wark looks at how
children develop a sense of gender (3/6)
11.30 The King of Beth Second of a six-part corned
12.00 (LW) News 12.04 You and Yours Consumer
news and stories with Lz Barcisy and John Waite
1.00 The World at One with Nick Clarke
1.30 Counterpoint Semi-final of the general
knowledge music quiz, hosted by Ned Shemin
2.00 The Archers Yesterday's edition (f)
2.15 Afternoon Plany: High in the Clouds Don
Haworth's humorous story about the impact of the
Second World War on a small Lanceshire
community. Staming Stephen Thome, Christian
Rodska and Brigit Forsyth
3.00 Money Box Live: 0870 010 0444 Vincent
Diogleby takes listeners' calls on finencial issues
3.30 First Nights Life-chenging moments, beginning
with a couple who waited until they were married
before sleeping together (1/5) (f)
3.46 This Sceptred lale Arna Massey narrates part 41
of the history of Britain (f)
4.00 The Food Programme Simon Parkes
investigates the new Food Standards Agency's
aims and agencia (f)

60 seconds without hestspon, repetition or deviation at the Sheffield Lyceum
7.00 The Archers
7.15 Front Row Mark Lawson talks to the former Yall Reyboard player Rick Waterman
7.45 The Cry of the Bittern Environmental drama by Tim Jackson, starting Rachel Atkins. Broadcast earlier as part of Wornan's Hour (f)
8.00 Sillent Sentience Peter White Investigates the repercussions of crime on the perpetrator's lamily. See Choice (2/3)
8.30 Analysis Ian Hergreaves examines ways in which the Government could learn from private sector management models
9.00 Nature Howard Stableford explores the environmental impact of ocean currents such as El Niño
9.30 Start the Week Broadcast earlier (f)
10.03 The World Tonight with Justin Weeb
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Emest Hemingway
Centenary — The Sun Also Rises John Sharian reads the first part of Hemingway's novel
11.00 Radio 4 Appeal Nicholas Parsone speaks on behalf of the British Starmering Association (f)
11.02 Feer on 4: Tissue Memory Judy Uptor's drama about a heart transplant patient. With Rachel Addrs, Kim Wall and John Rowe (f)
11.30 (FM) Alts of England Richard Coles talks to Dave Townsen (3/4) (f)
11.30 (LW) Today in Parliament Political news
12.30 The Late Book: Five Stories by Anton Chedion, Kim first of five tales by Chelstov (f)
12.43 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

Quick fix supplied by Bodge and Scarper

dance of fly-on-the-wall documentaries has become as quixotic as complaining about bull-bars or middle-aged men wearing baseball caps.

We had two new examples this weekend: The Builders (BBC). Friday) and Shanghai Vice (Channel 4, Sunday). Both, in their way. broke new ground, Shanghai Vice because of the candour of the footage which Phil Agland has obtained from one of the most secretive societies in the world.

We followed the life of Miss Tang, a young medic who has moved to this throbbing city from the country. Shanghai was opened to the world three years ago. The colonial waterfront evokes Liverpool, the skyscrapers behind evoke Hong Kong. Tang goes everywhere with her landlady Mrs Feng. a Chaucerian widow, 65 and features the Shanghai police, struggling to dam up a flood of heroin, brought into the city by impenetrable cliques of disaffected Muslims from the northwest provinces. Their methods are direct and brutal, and they don't care who knows it apparently. They have not yet learnt how to manipulate television and are consequently fascinating to watch. My only regret is that, because Shanghai people speak very fast, and because it is harder to pick up signals from their unfamiliar intonation and gestures, you rely entirely on the subotles which fly by so quickly that you hardly have rime to ponder the images.

The Builders was groundbreaking in two senses. First literally -two of the outfits concerned dug up plots of grass to lay foundations for a new bungalow and a rear extension. More importantly, howsoll chasing a good sex life. ever, the programme has raised Most of the material, however, the docusoap to a previously

Overworked, overextended and overwrought as it is, this genre can soll offer some perverse pleasure. There will be a character so dismal, an egomaniac so irritaling. that their mundane tergiversations take on a distasteful fascination. They offer the viewer a few drops of a drug as insidiously addictive as nicotine, cocaine or krispy corn-'n'-potato snax, namely a vague sense of superiority.

f like me, you see Jim, the annoying Gretna Green "blacksmith" on Love Town, as a bit of a prat, it follows that you yourse)f feel less of a prat by comparison. That feeling, though psychologically fattening, is undoubtedly 'moreish''. Take it away and there is not much left.

The Builders sets out to redress the bad reputation of Britain's builders by presenting us with a range of hard-working, chirpy, REVIEW



Paul Hoggart

slightly roguish but loveable chaps from around the country. They are like characters from an updated Ealing comedy, always ready with their cheeky smiles and, above the back of their jeans, their smiley cheeks, always chasing another cuppa, darlin'.

They are, we are led to believe, friendly, honest and competent. The main point of interest seems to be that they evoke chortling lust in

the women they work for. Otherwise we are just watching a bunch of guys drinking tea, laying concrete, grumbling that the free croissants are cold, knocking a wall down, building a wall up and

drinking more tea.

But the bad reputation of the building trade didn't just arrive in the post, like a misdirected parking fine. The nation's builders have made strenuous efforts over many decades to earn it, and it should not be thrown away in this cavalier fashion.

I now have a wonderful builder, I am relieved to say, but only after years of suffering the catalogue of bodging, procrastination, false estimates, flannelling, lack of consideration and downright deceil that most punters experience from most builders most of the time.

To add insult to injury, the perpetrators are usually cocky know-alls who genuinely believe that their unreliability, sharp-practice and

ship. If we must have a docusoap on this national disgrace, why can't we follow a bunch of these Jack-the-)ads, patting themselves on the back as they mess up innocent people's homes.

The horrible behaviour of a cowboy builder who once "converted" the house next door to our old home caused me to have elaborate fantasies involving his torture, mutilation and death. Many builders would make particularly gratifying victims for a series like Murder Most Horrid (BBC2, Friday).

Because the stories are "oneoffs" the quality is variable, but that is also the show's strength. You never know quite what to expect, although you can usually rely on a deliciously observed bit of character acting from Dawn French, It is not just that she has

inability to cut anything to size such a gift for faintly absurd represents the height of craftsman mannerisms, but that she enacts them with such relish.

Frozen, last week's opener about two greedy prewar spinsters with a huge early model freezer, was a delightful bit of pastiche. The script consisted almost entirely of silly double-entendres of the type found on old seaside postcards. but inventive and daft enough to

avoid Carry On crassness.
This week Going Solo with French and Sarah Lancashire as round-the-world yachtswomen. wasn't quite as chortlesome. There was a nifty bit of plotting, with those Agatha Christie reprises where the same scenes are shown twice from different characters' points of view, but the twist was still predictable. French turned in another virtuoso performance as a fantastically irritating sailing companion, and the show went some way to make good the damage left by The Builders.

BBC1

- 6.00am Business Breakfast (78352) 7.00 BBC Breekfast News (T) (90401) 9.00 Kilroy (T) (2924739) 9.45 The Vanessa Show (T) (7475401) 10.55 News; Regional News (T) (3466265)
- 11.00 Change That (3476642) 11.25 Can't Cook, Won'l Cook (T) (3446401) 11.55 News; Regional News (T) (7331739)
- 12.00pm Call My Bluff (85420) 12.30 Wipeout (4907197) 12.55 The Weather Show (T) (53041197)
- 1.00 One O'Clock News; Weather (T)
- 1.30 Regional News; Weather (59963772) 1.40 Neighbours (T) (35003130) 2.05 Ironside (r) (5224975)
- 2.55 Through the Keyhola (r) (T) (6966410) 2.55 Inrough the Keynola (†) (1) (6966410)
 3.25 Children'a BBC: Playdays (6860772)
 3.45 The Littles! Pel Shop (5415623)
 3.55 Bodger and Badger (9145555) 4.10
 Pockel Dragon Adventures (6397449)
 4.20 Anthony Ant (6133371) 4.35 Misery
 Guts (3444975) 5.00 Newsround (4109401) 5.10 Blue Peler (9803888)
- 5.35 Neighbours |r) (T) (836555) 6.00 Six O' Clock News; Weather (T) (97)
- 6.30 Regional News Magazine (59) 7.00 This is Your Life (T) (3284) 7.30 Walchdog Heelthcheck (1) |1|
- 8.00 EastEnders Simon is suicidal (T) (9604) 8.30 Mrs Merton and Malcolm Plucky Malcolm decides to teach the local big head a lesson (2/6) (T) (8739)
- 9.00 Nine O'Clock News; Regional News (T)
- 9.30 Animal Police (T) (30468) 10.00 Panorama A report on the British gynaecologist Dr Richard Neale, who came back to work in this country after being struck off the Canadian medical register for incompetence (T) [651246]



Billy Connolly takes his trike for a ride across Australia (10.45pm)

10.45 Billy Connolly's World Tour Australia Billy visits Canberra, Botany Bay and 5ydney (r) (T) (812555) 11.25 Harbour Lights Mike is alarmed by the behaviour of a Falklands voteran (i) (T) (326468)

12.15am Bandolerol (1968) Two outlay brothers go on the run in the aftermath of a disastrous bank hold-up. Western by Andrew V McLaglen (T) (286598)

1.55 Weather | 1767685) 2.00 BBC News 24 (3170043)

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BBC2

7.00am Children's BBC Breakfast Show: Pingu (7835420) **7.05** Teletubbies (5586820) **7.30** Snorks (8797333) **7.50** (1341642) 8.40 Polks Dot Shorts (1441642) 8.50 Romuald the Reindeer (1447826) 9.00 Space Ark (7069642) 9.10 Short Circuil (4791517) 9.30 Willing and Pictures (8180623) 9.45 Storytime (8185178) 10.00 Teletubbles (94739) 10.30 Words and Pictures (9620352) 10.45 Cats' Eyes 19625807) 11.00 Look and Read (3646352) 11.20 Zig Zag (3593352) 11.40 Landmarks (8974333) 12.00pm Job Bank (4407401) 12.10 History File (5679130) 12.30 Working Lunch (18246) 1.00 Romuald the Reindeer (68360772)

1.10 The House Detectives (r) (41108468) 1.40 Hart-Davis on History (35024623) 2.10 Awash with Colour (56884772) 2.40 News; Regional News (1) (3638062)

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4.25 Ready, Steady, Cook (T) (6509284) 4.55 Esther (T) (5584265) 5.30 Today's the Day (T) (36) 6.00 Hit, Miss or Maybe |r) |T) |134975) 6.15 The Simpsons Lisa and Bart write a

script for a TV show (T) (777604) 6.40 Space 1999 (r) (T) (917062) 7.30 Rough Guide to the World Edith Bowman and Dimitri Doganis explore the

city of Cairo (2/6) (T) (3) 8.00 Raising the Roof Report on how leaseholders could have their rights taken away from them should someone buy their home's freehold (6/6) (T) (7246) 8.30 Food and Drink (T) (9081)

9.00 CHOICE Births, Marriages and Deaths Graham stumbles across a secret which has been kept from him for 25 years (2/4) (T) (574197) 9.55 Five Go Mad in the Kitchen (808449) 10.00 If I Ruled tha World With Pauline



A film presenting an intriguing look al the youth of Britain (11.15pm)

11.15 CROICE Tribe UK New series offering insights into the lives of young people in Britain today (T) (696739) 11.55 Weather (845333)

12.00am Despatch Box (39531) 12.30 BBC Learning Zone: Open University The Authorital and Itemical Historie of Henry V 1.30 What Was Modernism 2.00 Schools Music — Marsalis on Mucht Taien: 2000 Shens 4,00 Discover ing Portuguese Portuguese Discovered 5.00 Business and Training, Skills for Work 5.45 Open University Copernious and His Worlo 6.10 Humaning and the Scallold 6.35 Musee d'Orsay

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Captain Pugwash (9149371) 4.00 Oggy and the Cockroaches (5872130) 4.20 II's a Mystery (5898178) 4.45 Sabrina the Teenage Witch (3468555) 5.10 WEST; Getaways (r) (T) (7268265) 5.10 WALES; Moneyspinners (T) (7268265) 5.40 ITN Early Evening News; Weather (1)

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8.30 The West Tonight (1) (5)

6.56 HTV Crimestoppers (817031)
7.00 Wish You Were Here? Melinda Messenger visits Greece, Jame Theakston goes sking in the Swiss Alps and Cleo Rocos explores Naples, while Anthea Turner treks through the Himalayan footbills (T) (8352) 7.30 Coronation Street (T) (9) 8.00 Undercover Customs (T) (4772) 8.30 Carol Vordenman's Better Homes

Carol and her team of handymen take



Amanda Burton stars in the climax of the tense thriller (9pm)

9.00 Forgotten Dexter realises Ben saved his life, but that doesn't stop him from telling the police about his past - and soon the whole village knows a child killer is living among them. (3/3) (T) (3517) 10.00 News at Ten: Weather (T) (88517)

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horror spoof about a deadly feud between two 15th-century sorcerers Staming Vincent Price and Boris Karloff Directed by Roger Corman (2404666) 3.40 Trisha (r) (T) (2182666) 4.40 FTV Nightscreen (59706111)

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1.00 Pet Rescue (T) (26826) 1.30 The Ocean World of John Stonema (r) (35030284)

1.55 English Without Tears (1944) An aristocratic belle falls for her bufler but the course of frue love never runs smoothly. Cornedy, starring Penelope Ward, Directed by Harold French. (1) (75622710)

3.30 Collectors' Lot (T) (33) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (8) 4.30 Countdown (T) (3461642) 4.55 Montel Williams (T) (5579333) 5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (84)

6.00 Roseanna (r) (T) (17) 7.00 Channel 4 News; Weather (T) (577997) 7.55 The 1999 Citibank Private Bank Photography Prize (T) (951284)

8.00 CHOICE To the Ends of the Earth In 1935, the Titanic was discovered on the bed of the key North Atlantic ocean where it sank in 1912. Since then a bitter battle has raged in the US courts over what should become of the fil-fated passenger liner (2/6) (T)

9.00 CHOICE Shanghal Vice Continuing the documentary locusing on crime in the city of Shanghal (2/7) (T)



Christian Slater stars as the cult radio hero (10pm)

10.00 Pump Up the Volume (1990) A shy, discontented student overcomes his inhibitions and starts a pirate radio station. Teen drama, directed by Allan Moyle (T) (872554)

11.55 Shooting Gallery Introduction (830401)

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CHANNEL 5

8.00am 5 News and Sport Headlines, sport 7.00 WideWorld Part seven, Children's often

difficult transition into formal education (r) (1) (8352555) 7.30 Milkshake! (2877081)

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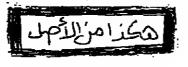
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Trinity's £1bn bid hots up fight for Mirror

By RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR

THE battle for control of Mirror Group began in earnest over the weekend as Trinity. the UK's largest regional newspaper group, tabled an indicative share and cash offer worth more than £1 billion for the newspaper and televi-

sion group.

The Trinity offer, which is priced in the range of 205p to 215p a share, came as rival bidder, Regional Independent Media, publisher of the Yorkshire Post, decided to play a longer game. Rather than reveal its hand by submitting a new bid. RIM will, instead, make a formal application this week to the Department of Trade and Industry for permission to acquire Mirror Group, publisher of The Mirror, Sunday Mirror and Daily Record.

This will trigger an automatic Monopolies and Mergers Commission investigation, which will take at least three months. The move by Trinity is a reversal of the previous roles

of the two rivals for the group.
Trinity withdrew from earlier talks while RIM made the running with a 200p a share cash offer. Now it is likely that the future ownership of the national and regional newspaper company will not be decided until after an MMC inquiry into both the Trinity and RIM approaches.

deemed to be in an offer period. The company will bring forward its annual results. which could be announced as early as today but certainly early this week. Pre-tax profits of more than E72 million are expected, compared with £63.3 million in the previous year. Trinity's hope is that the performance will boost its share price and in turn help to improve the value of any share

offer for Mirror Group. Mirror Group itself will announce its results on Thursday with pre-tax profits of £101 million before exceptionals expected up from £93 million last time. Analysts are currently pitching their takeover valuations in the region of 220p to

The inevitable delay in the determination of Mirror Group's future could place limits on the ability of John Allwood, chief executive, to act. He is believed to be looking at the sale of Mir-ror's 20 per cent stake in Scot-tish Media and Live TV. How-ever, the Takeover Panel may decide that such disposals can-not be made in an offer period.

Trinity's strongest card is the preference of Phillips & Drew Fund Management, Mirror's largest shareholder, for a paper deal. It has a large number of big stakes in underperforming companies, and bought its stake at a high price. The fund manager is unlikely to accept cash unless it realises a significant profit, implying an offer price as high as 250p a share.

RIM, a private company, believes that The Mirror and in particular the Sunday titles. Sunday Mirror and The People need considerable investment to turn them round and that can best be achieved away from the gaze of the City.



Lift off: Canary Wharf is this week expected to confirm plans for a stock market float. Although the company that owns and develops the Docklands site has never formally confirmed that it intends to float, all the advisers are now in place and preparations are in hand for a spring market debut that would value the company at more than £2 billion. Story, page 45

C&W prepares for 230p per share. **One-2-One flotation** BY RAYMOND SNODDY CABLE & WIRELESS, the

international telecommunications group, is onsidering a flotation of One-2-One, the mobile telephone operator. The telecoms group plans to cash in on investor enchantment with mobile phone com-

panies. Analysts believe that

One-2-One, a 50-50 joint venture between C&W and Media-One, the US cable group, could be worth as much as £7 billion £5 billion after debt. One-2 -One is the smallest of Britain's four mobile phone companies with about two million subscribers but the whole mobile sector has seen rapid growth in

recent months. Cable & Wireless shares have performed badly com-pared with rivals such as BT, underperforming the telecommunications sector by 63 per cent over the past 12 months. The company believes that a flotation could release some of the value hidden in One-2

Some analysts have wondered whether C&W would be prepared to sell its stake in the mobile company. C&W's new chief executive, Graham Wallace, made it clear in an interview last week that he sees mobile as a continuing part of the group, as one of the ways of de-

livering services to customers. C&W is more likely to be a purchaser of the MediaOne stake rather than a seller. However, Mr Wallace ex-

Corporate profile.

plained that the relationship with MediaOne is a good one and there is absolutely noth-

ing that needs fixing.
The float of a minority stake in the mobile group would help to put a market price on the company. The decision on whether or not to float One-2 -One will be one of the first to be taken by Mr Wallace since

taking over. C&W has been an underperformer because of uncertainty over its 54 per cent stake in HongKong Telecom and years of management in-stability, which the City hopes has been ended by the appointment of Mr Wallace.

C&W declined to comment yesterday on its future plans for One-2-One. Apart from the likely One-2 One initiative Mr Wallace will concentrate on accelerat-

ing Cable & Wireless's plans to create a global data network based on the Internet. Any initial offering of One-2 One would be a minority interest, probably in the region

of 25 per cent of the business. The ultimate ownership situation could then be clarified at a later date.

The obvious template is the success of Orange which was floated by Hutchison Whampoa and British Aerospace in 1996 and is now valued at

Further rate cut expected

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

THE City is optimistic that the Bank of England will again cut rates when the Monetary Policy Committee meets

Although the MPC has reduced rates from a peak of 7.5 per cent to 5.5 per cent, analysts believe there are few signs that the Bank is ready to call a halt to its cutting spree.
The Bank still believes

there are significant downside risks. Eddie George, the Governor, said yesterday that there was little that he could do to further ease the pain suffered by the manufacturing sector. "I could seek to ease the pain but only by giving an aspirin and actually the underlying pain would be worse lat-er on if I did." He added, however, that he thought the chances that Britain suffered a technical recession during the first part of this year were

only about "one in four".

Virgin on BA's tail with Union Jack design

BY SAEED SHAH

VIRGIN ATLANTIC IS to adopt the Union Jack in a new design for its aircraft to be unveiled later this year in a move intended to mock arch-rival British Airways, which dropped the national flag from its sailfin, to much derision,

two years ago. The new Virgin livery may feature the flag on the tailfins of its aircraft. BA said yesterday that it would press ahead with its new multicultural look, announced in June 1997. It has already painted 200 of its 350 aircraft with a range of internationally inspired designs, in

place of "British" livery. Paul Moore, a spokesman for Virgin, said: "Although we're an international company, we're proud to be British." Virgin has spent "tens of thousands" of pounds on the new design for the outside of

its aircraft, which will number

30 by the end of this year, in contrast to the millions spent by British Airways to come up with its multicoloured "ethnic" designs.
• Richard Branson's airline

will also unveil a new interior refit, costing £25 million to £30 million, which follows BA with a seat for business or "upper" class that can be made completely flat for sleeping. Virgin will also announce that it has applied for a route to Chicago. New routes to Chicago, Shanghai and New York will generate 500 extra jobs.

For its part, BA, which has been losing market share in business class, has begun a significant internal restructuring. which will divide the company into short-haul (UK and Europe) and two long-haul businesses, one for Asia and the Middle East, and the other for the Americas.

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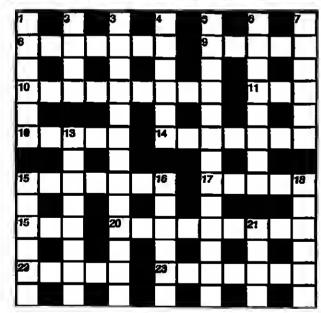
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HoJo hotels enter UK Johnson, Ramada and Super 8 and six under construction. Under its deal with Cendant, it

BY DOMINIC WALSH

PREMIER HOTELS. the budget hotel operator, is bring-ing the Howard Johnson (HoJo) and Days Inn brands to the UK in a £300 million development project.

Building has beguin at two sites as part of a franchise agreement signed last year with Cendant, the troubled US consumer services group that owns the Days Inn. Howard

budget hotel brands.
Although Cendant's hotel

brands are little known internationally, they dominate US economy lodging. Days Inn claims to be the world's biggest hotel brand, with more than 2,000 hotels, and Howard Johnson has 650, although only 150 are outside the US. Premier Hotels is already a big Holiday Inn Express fran-

plans to open 60 Howard Johnson and Days Inn units in the next three years. Premier aims to open more than 1,000 rooms in London alone, and the first hotel will be a £9 million, 162room Days Inn near the Imperial War Museum, due to open in November. In West Bromwich, work has begun on an £8 million, 140-room Howard chisee, with seven units open Johnson, to open in October:

Hinchliffe quick on the draw as cartoon investor

By Fraser Nelson

STEPHEN HINCHLIFFE the Sheffield businessman ac cused by the Serious Fraud Office of ten counts of corrup-

tion, is trying to revive his ca-reer with children's cartoons. He is in talks to buy the rights to Sunshine Sammy's Battle of the Elements, a cartoon dreamt up by Jim Stanton Barber, a 71-year-old inventor who became a millionaire by devising a draught excluder. Sunshine Sammy is also being backed by Patrick Moore, the astronomer.

run the business with his son James from Parkhead Hall, Sheffield - the same offices he used to control his Facia re-tail empire before it collapsed. Mr Stanton Barber, a friend of Mr Moore, said: Poor old Stephen has had a real bashing and been accused of commanship, when

he didn't do any conning. He

is completely honest, quite

shy and a very very nice chap

Mr Hinchliffe is expected to



Sunshine Sammy: new investor Mr Hinchliffe, still being investigated by the Department of Trade and Industry over Facia's collapse, said yesterday that talks over the cartoon venture are still at an early stage.

However, minutes of a meet-

Barber state that Mr Hinch-life has agreed to buy the sole trading rights to Prime Concepts, the company that owns the rights to the cartoon. Mr Stanton Barber said: "It's a done deal. Stephen has not put his signature to it because that is not the way he does business, but he has promised he won't go back on his

As he is legally forbidden from being a director, his role in Prime Concepts is "main investor". Mr Stanton Barber. who has spent ten years devel-oping Prime Concepts, said: "This cartoon should go on to make billions. If I get 13 per cent of billions. I won't com-

Mr Stanton Barber says he is to talk this month to Michael Caine, the actor, about investing in Sunshine

The cartoon's characters based on the weather, include ing in January between Mr Hinchliffe and Mr Stanton General Thunderhead, Jack Frost and Monsoon Mary.



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